

Drugs Seized From Landlord



By **HEATHER BRADY**
News Editors

A prominent local landlord and business owner who rents several properties to off-campus UMW students was arrested Wednesday, Nov. 5, on multiple charges of drug possession and distribution.

Robert Curtis Lee, who is one of the owners of the Fredericksburg-based company Lee-Curtis, Graves, Freeman and Hall Insurance, was arrested after officers executed a search warrant at his home in Spotsylvania County.

According to the results of the search, officers found several baggies containing cocaine and marijuana, as well as a smoking device with residue suspected to be from methamphetamine. They confiscated the baggies and drug equipment, and also took his 2006 Volvo.

The search warrant was obtained after an undercover detective made four different buys from Lee at his home, according to the *Free Lance-Star*. The search turned up more than 42 grams of cocaine.

According to the *Free Lance-Star*, Lee has been charged with four counts of cocaine distribution, one count of possession with the intent to distribute, one count of marijuana possession and one count of methamphetamine possession. The only other charge brought against Lee in the past was for a speeding ticket.

Lee owns several residential properties in the city of Fredericksburg, including properties on Monument Ave.,

Robert Curtis Lee, of Spotsylvania, was arrested Nov. 11 and charged with four counts of distribution of cocaine, one count of possession with the intent to distribute cocaine, possession of marijuana and possession of methamphetamines.

Franklin St. and Dandridge St. that he has leased for years to UMW students living off-campus.

His property has not been taken from him so far, but some students are concerned about what would happen to their lease if Lee is convicted and the government seizes his real estate holdings.

Junior Nick Nelson, one of the students renting a house from Lee, is unsure of what will happen in the future to the property where he currently resides.

"I have to be pretty honest—it's a scary situation," Nelson said. "My roommate and I are both waiting to hear that we need to find other housing or have rent hiked."

As far as rent is concerned, Nelson hasn't been contacted as to a change in rent payment policies.

"We haven't heard anything from the other landlady, Pam McLeod, so we are assuming that it is business as usual," Nelson said. "They're notoriously hard to get a hold of, so it's not like phone tag is out of the ordinary. We're used to not getting calls returned."

However, Alex Johnson, a professor at the University of Virginia School of Law, reassures that their rights as tenants are protected.

"Generally speaking, the government steps into the shoes of the owner or former landlord only [if the properties are] the premises where the illicit activities took place, or premises that were purchased with proceeds from the

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Freshman Julia Szalwinsky is rung up by Senior Carla Medina at the Eagle's Nest. UMW food prices are the third lowest in the state for universities.

Food Prices at UMW Third Lowest in State

By **LAUREN ORSINI**
Staff Writer

Students at the University of Mary Washington have many complaints about the food on campus, but pricing at UMW is relatively low compared with other schools in the state.

Out of seventeen schools in Virginia, UMW has the third least expensive meal plan at only \$1,436 a semester.

Out of every school in Virginia that uses Sodexo, UMW has the cheapest meal plan offered.

"It makes sense because we work with the school to keep the price down. Right now, low prices are important to everyone while the economy is like it is," said Dining Services General Manager John Dering.

Though some schools have a cheaper plan, UMW Budget Director Paul Messplay said that many components affect the price of a meal plan.

"There are a number of factors that result in different costs for meal plans: the number and variety of campus dining locations, the extent and range of meal and food offerings, the size of the institution (larger institutions are likely to benefit from economies of scale), and the mix of meal plans purchased by students," said Messplay in an e-mail interview.

Messplay's factors account for the cheapest plan on the graph belonging to one of the largest schools, Virginia Tech.

Sodexo Spokesperson Greg Yost said that the price of each meal plan depends on the school's unique contract with the company.

"Each campus prices meals based on the type of agreement Sodexo has with that school," he said.

Student reactions to the news were varied. Sophomore Eric Halsey said that the cheap meal plan explains

some things for him.

"People at UMW really need to look at the big picture before they complain about school food. The meal plan isn't great, but it's a good price and you get what you pay for. You can't complain about both quality and price—pick one or the other," said Halsey.

Junior Lindsey Prillaman said that she is unhappy with UMW food compared to the food at other schools.

"I no longer have a meal plan because the food isn't good here. I wonder if the cheapness reflects the quality of our food. My friends at different schools like Virginia Tech don't complain about the food as much as we do here," said Prillaman.

Assistant Vice President of Business Services Erma Baker said that students will have more meal plan opportunities soon.

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Weekend Weather

From Weather.com



Friday

Showers

High: 64

Low: 50



Saturday

Showers

High: 60

Low: 35



Sunday

Party Cloudy

High: 54

Low: 31

Eyeballs Stolen from Jepson Lab

By **BECKY LITTLE**
Staff Writer

On October 23rd, a biology professor went to Jepson 102 to prepare for her human anatomy lab.

But when Professor Kathryn Loesser-Casey went to retrieve a bag of about twelve bovine eyeballs from an open shelf, she realized that they had been stolen.

"I thought it was very bizarre," Loesser said. "But when eyeballs disappear right before Halloween, I'm not really that surprised."

According to the "Carolina Science" catalogue, the eyeballs cost \$1.65 each, constituting about twenty dollars worth of stolen lab materials.

Loesser, however, did not file a police report or notify Professor Werner Wieland, the Biology department chair.

"It's not worth it," Loesser said when asked why she did not file a report. "It's not very much money for one thing, and I have no clue what happened to them."

Loesser said that the theft was probably the result of a student using the laboratory

after hours.

"There are a lot of times when I give practicals," said Loesser. "Students need to come in on their own for many hours to study for the practical, and I'm certainly not going to stand there while they do

it. They have to be able to get into the lab in the evenings or on Saturday and Sunday."

Students with passes to use the laboratory are supposed to notify the police to let them into the building.

"The police will keep the door locked," said Loesser. "When they leave, the students are supposed to pull the door closed behind them. So I imagine what happened is somebody just didn't do it. Or they went to the bathroom and somebody else came in."

Sean Comerford/Bullet

"The problem you're faced with is you want to make things available to the students," Wieland said. "But unfortunately, stu-

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Police Beat Still on Hold

By **AARON RICHARDSON**
Entertainment Editor

This year, the *Bullet* has made do without its regular Police Beat section since this semester's second print edition. The absence is despite repeated attempts to secure the Police Beat information by former *Bullet* news editor Justin Toney. Before leaving the paper last month, Toney made requests for elaboration on crime log information by telephone, e-mail, and in person.

Information in the Crime Log is limited to the date an incident occurred, the time it was called in, the location, and the kind of incident, petit larceny for example. A Police Beat from March 27, 2008 reads "March 8-At 4:06 p.m. an officer on patrol reported that a tree had fallen from the University side of Sunken Road near the intersection of Sunken and Monument Avenue into private property across the street, causing damage to the landscaping. The city of Fredericksburg and Virginia Power cleared debris from the road."

In a conversation with the *Bullet*, Adam Goldstein of the Student Press Law Center said that the university police are within their rights to disclose only the information in the Daily

Crime Log. Short of filing Freedom of Information Act request forms for a copy of the police blotter from the last Police Beat, the *Bullet* only has the Crime Log to work with.

Bullet Editor-In-Chief Elizabeth Nowrouz said she is disappointed by the lack of information and communication the *Bullet* has been getting. "I can't really say what our next move is because we have so little to go on," she said.

According to Toney, the year began normally, with "an easy, regular in-person meeting" with UMW Police Chief James Snipes. Toney added that Snipes agreed to a regular meeting to discuss the events of the crime log and elaborate on the incidents in it.

The second meeting, however, had to be canceled and after that, getting the information became increasingly difficult. "For the first print issue we ended up just using the summer's events," Toney said.

There was one up-to-date Police Beat for the second issue of the paper, which Toney secured via e-mail. According to Toney, he sent Snipes the crime log with along with questions to flesh out

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Student's Car Broken Into on Kenmore Ave.

By SUSANNAH CLARK
Associate Editor

A UMW student's car was broken into early Sunday morning, leading to the arrest of 35-year-old Kevin Gallahan, a Spotsylvania resident, on charges of vandalism and attempted larceny.

The driver's side passenger window of senior Sean Brown's 2007 Honda Civic was smashed in at approximately 2 a.m. The vehicle was parked in an alley next the apartments at 1400 Kenmore Ave., where Brown lives.

Another student who lives in the Kenmore apartments called the Fredericksburg police after waking up to the sound of glass being smashed. The UMW junior, who asked her name not be printed, saw the suspect running from the car from her bedroom window and provided the police with a detailed description.

Because the incident happened a few blocks away from campus, Fredericksburg police alerted Mary Washington police immediately.

By 4 a.m., UMW police detained a man matching the description on College Avenue in between Payne and Dandridge streets and turned him over to the city police.

The student who had called the police was brought into the station to positively identify the suspect. Gallahan is currently being held at Rappahannock Regional Jail under a \$2500 bond.

According to the Virginia Circuit Court records, Gallahan has been charged with multiple felonies in both Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania including charges of grand larceny, malicious wounding and possession of cocaine and marijuana. He has been in and out of prison over the past 18 years and was most recently released in spring 2008.

Brown had already gone to bed when he was woken by Fredericksburg police knocking on the door of his apartment, informing him of the incident.

After searching the vehicle, Brown concluded that only missing item from the car was his backpack, which contained four textbooks.

"He didn't take my iPod, which was sitting in clear view in the front," Brown said. "I'm not sure why he went for the backpack."

Though frustrated by the incident, Brown said he will not change any of his parking habits.

"I always lock my car, but if someone wants to smash the window in, there's nothing I can do about that," Brown said. "It doesn't matter where I park, it could happen anywhere."

Police told Brown that he should expect to appear in court in about a month. With a trash bag covering the smashed window, Brown drove his car to have the window replaced at Safelite Autoglass on Route 3 on Sunday.

Brown's backpack has yet to be located, and he has purchased replacement textbooks.

According to Natatia Bledsoe, spokeswoman for the city police, car windows being smashed in is a near daily occurrence in Fredericksburg.

"Though we get reports of it happening almost every day, it isn't more common close to campus than it is in the rest of the city," Bledsoe said.

Bledsoe said that car windows are often smashed in while parked in commuter, movie theatre and gym parking lots, or "anywhere where the perpetrator knows the owner will not be returning to their car soon."

"It's a simple crime of opportunity," Bledsoe said. "Often times a by-passer will see a purse or a wallet through the window and smash the window if nobody else is around. Most criminals go for the simple 'grab-and-go' thefts; they tend not to bother with things like car stereos that have to be removed."

Bledsoe recommends not leaving valuable items in your parked car, or "at least not in plain sight."

Outside the Fence



By HEATHER BRADY
News Editor

Regional

Gas prices have fallen to below \$2 a gallon in the Fredericksburg area, lower than the Virginia average of \$2.10 on Monday afternoon. Wawa and Sheetz, two gas stations in Central Park, were charging \$1.95 a gallon. The national average was \$2.24 a gallon, although Virginians are for the most part paying less than that. The abrupt price drop caught travel clubs like AAA by surprise, and the Richmond spokeswoman for the club cited lower crude oil prices as the reason for the decrease. Crude oil was trading at \$62.41 a barrel Monday. But as prices fall, demand for gas could grow, and that could put upward pressure on pump prices. (The Free Lance-Star, Nov. 11; www.fredericksburg.com)

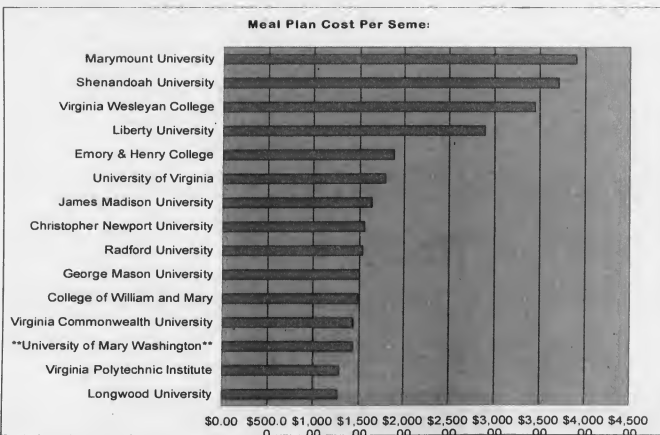
National

President-elect Barack Obama urged President Bush on Monday to support immediate emergency aid for the struggling auto industry, putting it in the middle of a political standoff between the White House and Congressional Democrats. At the meeting, Bush indicated he might support some aid and a broader economic stimulus package if the Democrats dropped their opposition to the free-trade agreement with Colombia, which he strongly supports. The Bush Administration has refused to let automakers make use of the \$700 billion bailout fund so far, despite warnings that General Motors might not survive the year. The Democrats, however, show no sign that they will back down from their free-trade opposition. (The New York Times, Nov. 11; www.nytimes.com)

Global

A synchronized triple bombing in northern Baghdad killed 20 people early Monday, making it the deadliest attack in Baghdad since June. The bombers struck at about 8:15 a.m., when a main street of a mixed Sunni and Shiite neighborhood in the Adhamiya district was bustling with cleaners and commuters going to work. Bombs planted in two parked cars exploded within five minutes of each other, and as a crowd gathered in the chaos, a suicide bomber darted into it and detonated his explosives. Two local hospitals reported that 29 people were brought in for treatment. The Interior Ministry said 68 people were wounded, but the American military later reported that 7 were killed and 35 were wounded, a much lower casualty figure. Such discrepancies are not uncommon in the hours after a violent attack. The bombings seem to be part of a rise in area violence after a relatively quiet few weeks. (The New York Times, Nov. 11; www.nytimes.com)

Meal Plans Relatively Cheap



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"We're at a point now where we know the University is expanding venues, adding the Underground and Eagle Village," said Baker. "The Underground opens in August 2009 and it'll be the first time in a long time that we've expanded. We're in discussions with Sodexo about how meal plans will be available for students then."

UMW's contract with Sodexo is renegotiated yearly by Baker, Dering, and District Manager Michael Greenfield.

"We bring in new ideas, things we see in the industry, and apply suggestions when we work on the new contract," said Baker.

Junior David Moore said he wouldn't mind paying more for better food in the future.

"Maybe we can get better meals without worrying about a price hike if we decide we want better food, since prices are already so low," Moore said.

Jepson Policies Ignored

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dents tend to do things like let other people in whether they know them or not or leave doors open, so you never know who's in."

"A couple of years ago we were losing the projectors," Wieland said. "We've lost microscopes in the past, the chemistry department has lost balances; this happens constantly."

Wieland said that the main problem is when students do not adhere to the after-hours policy of calling ahead and arriving on time for the police to let them in. On occasion, students ignore the policy altogether.

"We've had situations with people hiding in bathrooms to be in the building at night and the police had to come through to find them," Wieland said.

Despite these incidences, the staff at Jepson has continued to allow students to use the laboratories after hours with permission.

Loesser said to disallow use of the labs in light of minor incidents would be unfair to students.

Though Wieland feels that some students obtain passes to do work that could be finished during normal class hours, he said that Jepson still seeks to make resources as available to students as possible.

However, concern for lab equipment is not the only reason that students' adherence to procedure is stressed.

"It's not just a matter of losing things, it's also a matter of security for the students themselves," Wieland said. "Students don't realize that being in this building by themselves in the evening is a risk. It's a big building, and just because they're on campus doesn't mean there can't be people here from outside of campus. We tell students if they're coming in to not come alone."

Correction:

In "Faculty Discuss Obama's Impact" (Nov. 6), the new House and Senate makeup were reported incorrectly. The new makeup up from the 2008 election is as follows:

House of Representatives: Democrats 256, Republicans 173, 6 races not yet called
Senate: Democrats 57, Republicans 40, 3 races not yet called.

The numbers given in the article were the 2006 results.

Viewpoints

Where in the World is President Judy Hample?

This Monday, Nov. 17, President Hample is set to address the University. According to an e-mail sent out by Hample to faculty and staff, this speech will outline her vision for the University in the future—four months after her appointment.

While it seems that Hample was cautiously diligent in creating her plans the past months, she has not been visible enough on campus itself.

Hample has visited with the SGA and other clubs, but beyond a question and answer session earlier in the semester and her address to the freshman class, her interactions with the student body as a whole have been nominal.

Several students have complained to *Bullet* staff members and have even jokingly suggested that Hample may not exist, as she is rarely seen around campus and has not had an inauguration.

Luckily, several staff members have been close enough to confirm that Hample does exist, and is helpful and personable when available. However, her availability still seems extremely limited.

One student complained that she had gone to Hample's office during normal office hours several times and never found her or received clear information about when she would be on campus. Staff writers for the paper have also had difficulty setting up interviews.

Her scheduled appearance at the Campus Safety Walk, which was touted as a chance for students to meet and speak with her, was canceled unexpectedly. And her speech on Monday has been scarcely advertised to students; the *Bullet* received the announcement via a faculty member rather than a press release.

The address, a culmination of months of work, may be the start of her increased visibility on campus now that Hample has had sufficient time to settle into her position and work with the Board of Visitors.

UMW students have had negative experiences with presidents in the past and the administration may simply be exercising caution by not rushing Hample's inauguration or decisions.

However, it is important that the administration increases its public transparency and allows students, even those not involved with student government, to have a voice in their school and access to their president.

Students can show their interest in the direction of the school, and confirm Hample's existence, by attending the address on Monday at 4 p.m. in Dodd Auditorium. According to Hample's e-mail, she will be available afterwards for discussion.

Hopefully that discussion will be one of many, planned and unplanned, to come.

Staff Editorial



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Students Choose School, Not Faith

BY BRIANNE BENELLI
Guest Columnist

According to a recent study by Lifeway Christian Resources, a religious non-profit organization which seeks to provide information to help with the operation of all churches, 70 percent of young adults ages 23 to 30 stop attending church regularly between the ages of 18 and 22, right around college age.

That statistic was especially interesting to me when I read it because I am one of that 70 percent, as are several of my friends. In my two plus years in college, most of the students I've met were raised with some kind of religious faith, only five of whom continue to actively practice it.

Let me explain what I mean by "faith." I don't mean "going to church," though that's part of it. I mean more than going through the motions. Claiming to believe doesn't cut it without something backing it. I mean actually caring, and making your faith part of your life, even needing it in your life.

Though I suspect it may, I can't be sure of whether or not this statistic fits non-Christian faiths on campus. All I have to go off of is what I know: Christianity. I have 12 years of Catholic schooling and 20 years spent, with devout parents to shape my religious world-view, which is the lens through which I look at that statistic.

My sophomore year was when I joined the 70 percent. I went to church a grand total of four times, rarely prayed and devoted all of my thoughts to school, socializing, and justifying why this test or that party was more important than going to church that week.

It's not hard for me, then, to come up with several reasons why people would stop practicing in college.

I had too much homework. Didn't everybody know that Sundays were for the homework due Monday? Getting up early for church when I was about to spend all day doing homework was simply too much to ask.

Having gone to church every Sunday, twice on holiday weeks, for my entire life I was sure that missing a couple wouldn't hurt, especially since I already knew all the stories.

None of my friends practiced. Going alone was completely unappealing. I couldn't really talk about it with anyone. Practicing was downright uncool.

Also, church is boring. In our generation of instant gratification and constant entertainment thanks to technology, sitting in church for an hour per week to maybe hear something new wasn't high on my list when I finally realized nobody was there to make me go or guilt trip me for not.

Those were the shallow reasons, and none had merit. There was plenty of time for homework, sacrificing an hour was very feasible. Missing a couple masses turned into missing the whole year, after which it was a habit that did make a difference. Faith was too important to hinge on coolness, and after looking around I realized that even my Methodist roommate was willing to go to mass with me.

"Church is boring," was just petulant; clearly I wasn't there for the right reasons.

There are even deeper reasons, ones that challenge faith itself rather than the getting to church part.

Jesuit journalist Michael Mullins addressed our generation's declining attraction to religion in his contribution to Chris McGillion's book "A Long Way from Rome." He explained that we as a

whole ascribed to post-modernistic boundary-rejecting and chaos-praising perceptions, which made the structure and imposed meaning of the church contrary to the very way we thought, and still do think.

Pope John Paul II mentioned during World Youth Day in 1993 that it saddened him to think of the struggle of the younger generations who have to contend with such powerful celebrity role models that have "the power to create opinion and impose it on others." Those words still ring true. The "ideal" has been plastered all over the media, and pressure to chase it and pay homage to it far surpasses the pressure to follow God and pay Him homage.

I had difficulties with several aspects of coming to terms with my faith. Recently I coped with a serious bout of inadequacy. My own standards demanded that knowing the right thing to do meant doing the right thing every time, which was really really hard. Perfection was a standard I couldn't meet and I'm still learning that being a work in progress is ok too.

To be in college was to be told to open my eyes and inspect my surroundings, to forget what I'd been told and to decide for myself. It was then that questions and conflicts really came up. Certain teachings didn't always sit well with me. For instance: the church's take on homosexuality. I had trouble embracing a faith that couldn't embrace some of my best friends.

Rather than abandon the church, however, I've learned to have faith that one day I'll get it. One day maybe the teachings will change, somebody will achieve some great insight and I'll be able to reconcile the teachings with my morals.

I've also learned that deciding for myself didn't always mean rebellion against what I was taught. Popular thought got that way because people agreed; I could, after thought, agree with them. I learned that a lot of rebellion wasn't the product of independent thought, but instead was the product of simply following the voice of dissent.

I finally concluded that the only reason to divorce the church was lack of faith. For some the faith just wasn't theirs, and when college offered them the chance to break free after being forced by their families to participate in something they didn't really believe in, they obeyed the natural human instinct to rebel against what is forced and broke free, even from a faith that they had the potential to make their own.

Eventually I realized that I believed in my religion too intrinsically to let it go. I had spent the last year trying to deny God's presence in my life in order to dodge the responsibility of meeting Him halfway, when His presence was completely pervasive. There wasn't a thing in my life I couldn't relate to Him somehow.

Even if His presence wasn't so pressing in my life, I like to think I would have embraced my faith. Taking it on took thought and effort, but anyone, even those with off-hand careless kinds of faith, would find the effort worthwhile if only they'd look around and try to understand the weight and importance that belief carries.

I don't have a religion degree or vocational training. I'm just a girl who thought long and hard about this and when I finally understood, the answer seemed clear. The security blanket that I always have, the belief that there's always back-up and there's always a chance that everything will be okay because God just might help me out is something that I think is worth working for.

I believe that God never stopped looking out for me, and I need to not quit on Him either.



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Sex Claims Respect Letter to the Editor

The following letter was written in response to "Sex a Healthy Act for Mind and Body" (Oct. 23, 2008, The Bulletin):

Dear Editor:

The article "Sex a Healthy Act for Mind and Body" recently came across my desk at GirlTalk Ministries Now, Inc. I have been speaking to girls and young women for the past eight years on issues of femininity and sexuality. Unfortunately, as I read the article by Ms. Adler I was more saddened than shocked. It is difficult to be shocked anymore by the frank manner in which our culture discusses and engages in sexual acts.

Sex has long been a favorite subject matter and activity of college co-eds and is seldom treated with the dignity it deserves in this phase of life. However, this article was not just frank, it was nasty. Ms. Adler discusses sexuality in terms of fornication, doggy style, sex while menstruating, losing "pounds while pounding," and tells us which version of masturbation will burn the most calories: vibrator, finger, or inflatable doll.

Sadly Ms. Adler and her followers may be enjoying a "goofy smile" for a short time, but this casual approach to sexuality will leave

them feeling lonely and disillusioned as they mature and move beyond the collegiate sex bubble. In my years of speaking I have never had a woman say to me, "Wow, you know what I wish I had done in my youth? I wish I had had more meaningless sex with more uncommitted lovers." On the contrary, most women are in full regret of their youthful transgressions and are living out consequences such as STD's, post-abortion trauma, feeling unappreciated, extreme self-criticism, and difficulty in male-female relationships to name a few.

It saddens me that beautiful, educated young women much like Ms. Adler and her friends have bought the "sex without strings" lie. They are participating wholeheartedly and deceiving themselves into believing "girls just wanna have fun." In reality the female heart and body are a delicate and beautiful creation designed to be loved and nurtured by an adoring life-long partner. Ms. Adler and her friends are smart. They are no doubt pursuing the best educations, the best jobs, and the best handbags. So I urge them to set their sights on the best kind of love too. The kind that lasts a lifetime!

Denna H. Zimmerman is the founder/speaker of GirlTalk Ministries NOW of Oak Hill, Va.

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Another student who lives in the Kenmore apartments called the Fredericksburg police after waking up to the sound of glass being smashed. The UMW junior, who asked her name not be printed, saw the suspect running from the car from her bedroom window and provided the police with a detailed description.

Because the incident happened a few blocks away from campus, Fredericksburg police alerted Mary Washington police immediately.

By 4 a.m., UMW police detained a man matching the description on College Avenue in between Payne and Dandridge streets and turned him over to the city police.

The student who had called the police was brought into the station to positively identify the suspect. Gallahan is currently being held at Rappahannock Regional Jail under a \$2500 bond.

According to the Virginia Circuit Court records, Gallahan has been charged with multiple felonies in both Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania including charges of grand larceny, malicious wounding and possession of cocaine and marijuana. He has been in and out of prison over the past 18 years and was most recently released in spring 2008.

Brown had already gone to bed when he was woken by Fredericksburg police knocking on the door of his apartment, informing him of the incident.

After searching the vehicle, Brown concluded that only missing item from the car was his backpack, which contained four textbooks.

"He didn't take my iPod, which was sitting in clear view in the front," Brown said. "I'm not sure why he went for the backpack."

Though frustrated by the incident, Brown said he will not change any of his parking habits.

"I always lock my car, but if someone wants to smash the window in, there's nothing I can do about that," Brown said. "It doesn't matter where I park, it could happen anywhere."

Police told Brown that he should expect to appear in court in about a month. With a trash bag covering the smashed window, Brown drove his car to have the window replaced at Safelite Autoglass on Route 3 on Sunday.

Brown's backpack has yet to be located, and he has purchased replacement textbooks.

According to Natatia Bledsoe, spokeswoman for the city police, car windows being smashed in is a near daily occurrence in Fredericksburg.

"Though we get reports of it happening almost every day, it isn't more common close to campus than it is in the rest of the city," Bledsoe said.

Bledsoe said that car windows are often smashed in while parked in commuter, movie theatre and gym parking lots, or "anywhere where the perpetrator knows the owner will not be returning to their car soon."

"It's a simple crime of opportunity," Bledsoe said. "Often times a by-passer will see a purse or a wallet through the window and smash the window if nobody else is around. Most criminals go for the simple 'grab-and-go' thefts; they tend not to bother with things like car stereos that have to be removed."

Bledsoe recommends not leaving valuable items in your parked car, or "at least not in plain sight."

Outside the Fence



By HEATHER BRADY
News Editor

Regional

Gas prices have fallen to below \$2 a gallon in the Fredericksburg area, lower than the Virginia average of \$2.10 on Monday afternoon. Wawa and Sheetz, two gas stations in Central Park, were charging \$1.95 a gallon. The national average was \$2.24 a gallon, although Virginians are for the most part paying less than that. The abrupt price drop caught travel clubs like AAA by surprise, and the Richmond spokeswoman for the club cited lower crude oil prices as the reason for the decrease. Crude oil was trading at \$62.41 a barrel Monday. But as prices fall, demand for gas could grow, and that could put upward pressure on pump prices. (The Free Lance-Star, Nov. 11; www.fredericksburg.com)

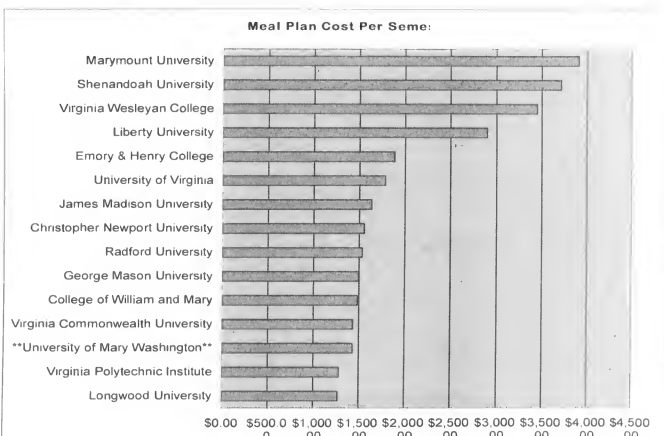
National

President-elect Barack Obama urged President Bush on Monday to support immediate emergency aid for the struggling auto industry, putting it in the middle of a political standoff between the White House and Congressional Democrats. At the meeting, Bush indicated he might support some aid and a broader economic stimulus package if the Democrats dropped their opposition to the free-trade agreement with Colombia, which he strongly supports. The Bush Administration has refused to let automakers make use of the \$700 billion bailout fund so far, despite warnings that General Motors might not survive the year. The Democrats, however, show no sign that they will back down from their free-trade opposition. (The New York Times, Nov. 11; www.nytimes.com)

Global

A synchronized triple bombing in northern Baghdad killed 20 people early Monday, making it the deadliest attack in Baghdad since June. The bombers struck at about 8:15 a.m., when a main street of a mixed Sunni and Shiite neighborhood in the Adhamiya district was bustling with cleaners and commuters going to work. Bombs planted in two parked cars exploded within five minutes of each other, and as a crowd gathered in the chaos, a suicide bomber darted into it and detonated his explosives. Two local hospitals reported that 29 people were brought in for treatment. The Interior Ministry said 68 people were wounded, but the American military later reported that 7 were killed and 35 were wounded, a much lower casualty figure. Such discrepancies are not uncommon in the hours after a violent attack. The bombings seem to be part of a rise in area violence after a relatively quiet few weeks. (The New York Times, Nov. 11; www.nytimes.com)

Meal Plans Relatively Cheap



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"We're at a point now where we know the University is expanding venues, adding the Underground and Eagle Village," said Baker. "The Underground opens in August 2009 and it'll be the first time in a long time that we've expanded. We're in discussions with Sodexo about how meal plans will be available for students then."

UMW's contract with Sodexo is renegotiated yearly by Baker, Dering, and District Manager Michael Greenfield.

"We bring in new ideas, things we see in the industry, and apply suggestions when we work on the new contract," said Baker.

Junior David Moore said he wouldn't mind paying more for better food in the future.

"Maybe we can get better meals without worrying about a price hike if we decide we want better food, since prices are already so low," Moore said.

Jepson Policies Ignored

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dents tend to do things like let other people in whether they know them or not or leave doors open, so you never know who's in."

"A couple of years ago we were losing the projectors," Wieland said. "We've lost microscopes in the past, the chemistry department has lost balances; this happens constantly."

Wieland said that the main problem is when students do not adhere to the after-hours policy of calling ahead and arriving on time for the police to let them in. On occasion, students ignore the policy altogether.

"We've had situations with people hiding in bathrooms to be in the building at night and the police had to come through to find them," Wieland said.

Despite these incidences, the staff at Jepson has continued to allow students to use the laboratories after hours with permission.

Loesser said to disallow use of the labs in light of minor incidents would be unfair to students.

Though Wieland feels that some students obtain passes to do work that could be finished during normal class hours, he said that Jepson still seeks to make resources as available to students as possible.

However, concern for lab equipment is not the only reason that students' adherence to procedure is stressed.

"It's not just a matter of losing things, it's also a matter of security for the students themselves," Wieland said. "Students don't realize that being in this building by themselves in the evening is a risk. It's a big building, and just because they're on campus doesn't mean there can't be people here from outside of campus. We tell students if they're coming in to not come alone."

Correction:

In "Faculty Discuss Obama's Impact" (Nov. 6), the new House and Senate makeup were reported incorrectly. The new makeup up from the 2008 election is as follows:

House of Representatives: Democrats 256, Republicans 173, 6 races not yet called
Senate: Democrats 57, Republicans 40, 3 races not yet called.

The numbers given in the article were the 2006 results.

Viewpoints

Where in the World is President Judy Hample?

This Monday, Nov. 17, President Hample is set to address the University. According to an e-mail sent out by Hample to faculty and staff, this speech will outline her vision for the University in the future—four months after her appointment.

While it seems that Hample was cautiously diligent in creating her plans the past months, she has not been visible enough on campus itself.

Hample has visited with the SGA and other clubs, but beyond a question and answer session earlier in the semester and her address to the freshman class, her interactions with the student body as a whole have been nominal.

Several students have complained to *Bullet* staff members and have even jokingly suggested that Hample may not exist, as she is rarely seen around campus and has not had an inauguration.

Luckily, several staff members have been close enough to confirm that Hample does exist, and is helpful and personable when available. However, her availability still seems extremely limited.

One student complained that she had gone to Hample's office during normal office hours several times and never found her or received clear information about when she would be on campus. Staff writers for the paper have also had difficulty setting up interviews.

Her scheduled appearance at the Campus Safety Walk, which was touted as a chance for students to meet and speak with her, was canceled unexpectedly. And her speech on Monday has been scarcely advertised to students; the *Bullet* received the announcement via a faculty member rather than a press release.

The address, a culmination of months of work, may be the start of her increased visibility on campus now that Hample has had sufficient time to

settle into her position and work with the Board of Visitors.

UMW students have had negative experiences with presidents in the past and the administration may simply be exercising caution by not rushing Hample's inauguration or decisions.

However, it is important that the administration increases its public transparency and allows students, even those not involved with student government, to have a voice in their school and access to their president.

Students can show their interest in the direction of the school, and confirm Hample's existence, by attending the address on Monday at 4 p.m. in Dodd Auditorium. According to Hample's e-mail, she

will be available afterwards for discussion. Hopefully that discussion will be one of many, planned and unplanned, to come.

Staff Editorial



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Students Choose School, Not Faith

BY BRIANNE BENELLI
Guest Columnist

According to a recent study by Lifeway Christian Resources, a religious non-profit organization which seeks to provide information to help with the operation of all churches, 70 percent of young adults ages 23 to 30 stop attending church regularly between the ages of 18 and 22, right around college age.

That statistic was especially interesting to me when I read it because I am one of that 70 percent, as are several of my friends. In my two plus years in college, most of the students I've met were raised with some kind of religious faith, only five of whom continue to actively practice it.

Let me explain what I mean by "faith." I don't mean "going to church," though that's part of it. I mean more than going through the motions. Claiming to believe doesn't cut it without something backing it. I mean actually caring, and making your faith part of your life, even needing it in your life.

Though I suspect it may, I can't be sure of whether or not this statistic fits non-Christian faiths on campus. All I have to go off of is what I know: Christianity. I have 12 years of Catholic schooling and 20 years spent with devout parents to shape my religious world-view, which is the lens through which I look at that statistic.

My sophomore year was when I joined the 70 percent. I went to church a grand total of four times, rarely prayed and devoted all of my thoughts to school, socializing, and justifying why this test or that party was more important than going to church that week.

It's not hard for me, then, to come up with several reasons why people would stop practicing in college.

I had too much homework. Didn't everybody know that Sundays were for the homework due Monday? Getting up early for church when I was about to spend all day doing homework was simply too much to ask.

Having gone to church every Sunday, twice on holiday weeks, for my entire life I was sure that missing a couple wouldn't hurt, especially since I already knew all the stories.

None of my friends practiced. Going alone was completely unappealing. I couldn't really talk about it with anyone. Practicing was downright uncool.

Also, church is boring. In our generation of instant gratification and constant entertainment thanks to technology, sitting in church for an hour per week to maybe hear something new wasn't high on my list when I finally realized nobody was there to make me go or guilt trip me for not.

Those were the shallow reasons, and none had merit. There was plenty of time for homework, sacrificing an hour was very feasible. Missing a couple masses turned into missing the whole year, after which it was a habit that did make a difference. Faith was too important to hinge on coolness, and after looking around I realized that even my Methodist roommate was willing to go to mass with me.

"Church is boring," was just petulant, clearly I wasn't there for the right reasons.

There are even deeper reasons, ones that challenge faith itself rather than the getting to church part.

Jesuit journalist Michael Mullins addressed our generation's declining attraction to religion in his contribution to Chris McGillion's book "A Long Way from Rome." He explained that we as a

whole ascribed to post-modernistic boundary-rejecting and chaos-praising perceptions, which made the structure and imposed meaning of the church contrary to the very way we thought, and still do think.

Pope John Paul II mentioned during World Youth Day in 1993 that it saddened him to think of the struggle of the younger generations who have to contend with such powerful celebrity role models that have "the power to create opinion and impose it on others." Those words still ring true. The "ideal" has been plastered all over the media, and pressure to chase it and pay homage to it far surpasses the pressure to follow God and pay Him homage.

I had difficulties with several aspects of coming to terms with my faith. Recently I coped with a serious bout of inadequacy. My own standards demanded that knowing the right thing to do meant doing the right thing every time, which was really really hard. Perfection was a standard I couldn't meet and I'm still learning that being a work in progress is ok too.

To be in college was to be told to open my eyes and inspect my surroundings, to forget what I'd been told and to decide for myself. It was then that questions and conflicts really came up. Certain teachings didn't always sit well with me. For instance, the church's take on homosexuality. I had trouble embracing a faith that couldn't embrace some of my best friends.

Rather than abandon the church, however, I've learned to have faith that one day I'll get it. One day maybe the teachings will change, somebody will achieve some great insight and I'll be able to reconcile the teachings with my morals.

I've also learned that deciding for myself didn't always mean rebellion against what I was taught. Popular thought got that way because people agreed. I could, after thought, agree with them. I learned that a lot of rebellion wasn't the product of independent thought, but instead was the product of simply following the voice of dissent.

I finally concluded that the only reason to divorce the church was lack of faith. For some the faith just wasn't theirs, and when college offered them the chance to break free after being forced by their families to participate in something they didn't really believe in, they obeyed the natural human instinct to rebel against what is forced and broke free, even from a faith that they had the potential to make their own.

Eventually I realized that I believed in my religion too intrinsically to let it go. I had spent the last year trying to deny God's presence in my life in order to dodge the responsibility of meeting Him halfway, when His presence was completely pervasive. There wasn't a thing in my life I couldn't relate to Him somehow.

Even if His presence wasn't so pressing in my life, I like to think I would have embraced my faith. Taking it on took thought and effort, but anyone, even those with off-hand careless kinds of faith, would find the effort worthwhile if only they'd look around and try to understand the weight and importance that belief carries.

I don't have a religion degree or vocational training. I'm just a girl who thought long and hard about this and when I finally understood, the answer seemed clear. The security blanket that I always have, the belief that there's always back-up and there's always a chance that everything will be okay because God just might help me out is something that I think is worth working for.

I believe that God never stopped looking out for me, and I need to not quit on Him either.



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Sex Claims Respect Letter to the Editor

The following letter was written in response to "Sex a Healthy Act for Mind and Body" (Oct. 23, 2008, The Bulletin).

Dear Editor:

The article "Sex a Healthy Act for Mind and Body" recently came across my desk at GirlTalk Ministries Now, Inc. I have been speaking to girls and young women for the past eight years on issues of femininity and sexuality. Unfortunately, as I read the article by Ms. Adler I was more saddened than shocked. It is difficult to be shocked anymore by the frank manner in which our culture discusses and engages in sexual acts.

Sex has long been a favorite subject matter and activity of college co-eds and is seldom treated with the dignity it deserves in this phase of life. However, this article was not just frank, it was nasty. Ms. Adler discusses sexuality in terms of: fornication, doggy style, sex while menstruating, losing "pounds while pounding," and tells us which version of masturbation will burn the most calories: vibrator, finger, or inflatable doll.

Sadly Ms. Adler and her followers may be enjoying a "goofy smile" for a short time, but this casual approach to sexuality will leave

them feeling lonely and disillusioned as they mature and move beyond the collegiate sex bubble. In my years of speaking I have never had a woman say to me, "Wow, you know what I wish I had done in my youth? I wish I had had more meaningless sex with more uncommitted lovers." On the contrary, most women are in full regret of their youthful transgressions and are living out consequences such as STD's, post-abortion trauma, feeling unappreciated, extreme self-criticism, and difficulty in male-female relationships to name a few.

It saddens me that beautiful, educated young women much like Ms. Adler and her friends have bought the "sex without strings" lie. They are participating wholeheartedly and deceiving themselves into believing "girls just wanna have fun." In reality the female heart and body are a delicate and beautiful creation designed to be loved and nurtured by an adoring life-long partner. Ms. Adler and her friends are smart. They are no doubt pursuing the best educations, the best jobs, and the best handbags. So I urge them to set their sights on the best kind of love too. The kind that lasts a lifetime!

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Viewpoints

The Sacred Seed Rules the Roost

I find the penis funny-looking. Now don't get me wrong, that's not to say that they are horrible extensions of the male being or evil or anything. I mean, to be fair, I find vaginas intimidating cave-like areas.

But penises are just amusing. They grow, they shrink, and certain men can pull them all funny like and make crazy shapes out of them (puppetry of the penis, for instance). They flop around when not hard and are incredibly convenient when there are no toilets around. I also love the penis pride that a lot of guys hold dear and share with one another.

But despite all of their entertaining merits, I don't believe that they are the center of all creation and power. Sure, they represent power and they do help with making babies but to hold penises as the be all form of life and power is just too much.

I am talking, of course, of the St. Priapus Church, a church completely devoted to the worship of the penis and semen. They believe that the ejaculation of semen is a holy act, one that connects man with God and provides a source of vitality and life that all should celebrate. Not only is group masturbation seen as a religious act but the consumption of the semen is seen as a passage into a holier state of being.

According to church-of-phallus.blogspot.com, "To worship and take into oneself semen is to establish a sacred connection, a bridge between two worlds, between God and man, between man and men. This link is never lost once it is established. Through the numinous and unfathomable nature of Semen, Cock is in communion with Cock, man with men."

Semen is the Sacred Water, Sacred Offspring and Eternal Promise.

Give your Sacred Water to all men who desire the Seed. Feed your Sacred Water to all men who express the hunger for the Seed. To do so is to perform the Work of God."

On the opposite end of the spectrum there is also the belief within some Catholic and Taoist denominations that semen is too sacred to be released

willy nilly. Semen is a source of life and thus to ejaculate without the intention of reproduction is seen as an abandonment of a life force.

In order to avoid abandonment of a potential child, a sexual practice has been developed in which the man can fornicate and reach a state of near-climax without actually completely releasing himself.

It not only keeps the man pleased for hours but also keeps the woman busy and happy the whole time.

I actually once had a boyfriend who could do this nifty little act and I have to say, ladies, it wasn't half bad. The only problem was knowing when to stop.

Generally I don't see what the big deal is about ejaculation.

Men have a lifetime supply of little guys while we females go through menopause somewhere between the

ages of forty and sixty. And to believe that the penis is the sole life force out there is just silly.

I mean there are people out there who believe that men will be obsolete within the next 100 years, what with artificial insemination rising as a means for reproduction. I don't think that will happen, though. They're too much fun to cuddle with.



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Sexclimations
By KJ Adler,
Staff Writer

Shuffle Kills Radio

If video killed the radio star, then shuffle burned down the radio tower.

It took me a while to let go of radio. While everyone else had abandoned their antennae for Napster knock-offs and mix CDs by high school, I was still cruisin' in my parents' station wagon listening to Oldies 100.

I knew it sucked. Radio hasn't been good since Elvis Costello was banned from "Saturday Night Live." My inclination toward the FM was not a result of poor music taste, but rather an unyielding faith in the gods of mood music.

There is nothing more satisfying than hearing one of your favorite songs on the radio. To know that millions of listeners are rocking out to Styx's "Come Sail Away" at the exact same moment you are is a feeling no mp3 player can emulate.

I'm convinced that DJs have some form of ESP. I have left many crucial life decisions to the musical fates, asking for a sign in the form of a pop song.

Who should I go to the prom with? *Nice Guys Finish Last.*

Where should I study abroad? *London Calling.*

Should I bring an umbrella? *Here Comes the Sun.*

When I finally caved and bought an iPod, I discovered the wonders of shuffle: crack-cocaine for my indecisiveness.

Call me lazy, but now that I am relieved of the agonizing task of what-song-to-play-next, the stress is off for me to impress while hosting. If an Enrique Iglesias

B-side comes up at my party, blame the iPod, not me.

Shuffle also reminds me of forgotten gems on my playlist; forcing me to listen to things I would never have thought to cue up. Without shuffle, I doubt I would listen to anything else besides Rilo Kiley and the Beatles, with maybe an interlude or two from the musical "Wicked."

Putting songs on shuffle is so addicting that Apple has created an iPod that only plays songs on random. Now that's giving up a little too much freedom.

There are times when shuffle backfires. Like when your grandmother comes over for dinner and the only songs popping up are by Lil' Wayne and T-Pain. I doubt Granny can empathize with being in love with a stripper.

Or when the gorgeously tragic Death Cab for Cutie's "Tiny Vessels" comes on two minutes after a break-up. This can be redeemed if Kelly Clarkson's "Since U Been Gone" pops up on the drive home from heartbreak.

Because shuffle exposes the most humiliating crevices of your music collection, it is important to choose those you shuffle in front of with care. You know you've found a real friend when the soundtrack from "A Goofy Movie" comes on during the ride home and they still say hi to you on campus the next day.

As music continues to be, come more digitized and less tangible, I am no longer a Radio Sweetheart. But I have a feeling I'll never stop doing the E Street Shuffle.



Susannigans
By Susannah Clark,
Associate Editor



Image by Miles Dumville Miller

Letter to the Editor: Study Abroad A Steal

The following letter was written in response to "Study Abroad Should Be Affordable for All" (Oct. 30, 2008, The Bulletin):

Dear Editor:

By standing on one leg and leaning over the railing, Mr. Wigginton, writer of the editorial "Study Abroad Should Be Affordable for All," could get a "partial ocean view."

If he were planning a trip to Florida for spring break, he could choose a hotel where the beach is not as wide, where there are fewer activities and get a cheaper price.

If his room were on backside of the hotel, where he has a view of Bubba's Chinese and BBQ instead of the ocean, the price of the Florida adventure will decline further.

The same is true in study abroad. The programs in major cities, with lots of travel, museums, clubs, galleries, etc. will be more expensive than studying in places less travelled.

The program, European Capitals, Mr. Wigginton chose to critique in his article is, you might say, located on the best part of the beach, has an ocean view and high quality service. The European Capitals program is expensive; the Hilton you might say.

However, it fills every year and has a waiting list. The program has been going every summer for 16 years and, if students were dissatisfied with the cost or the quality, there would not be a line of students waiting for an opening.

There are pros and cons to selecting either type of hotel room, but for someone who is on a limited budget, having a view of Bubba's takes little away from the overall Florida experience. Being there and having access to the beach and the center of activities is what is important.

The European Capitals program is an extension of the classroom, the program creates a bond between the Mary Wash students and faculty, and provides access to some of the coolest cities in the world.

For Mr. Wigginton to interview students who are "already struggling" or to quote spending by students who visited one of the most expensive cities in the world is unfair and perpetuates the

myth that studying abroad is expensive; which it does not need to be.

Speaking of myths, you don't need to know a foreign language to study abroad and studying abroad does not slow down your graduation.

The University of Mary Washington is ranked 37th in the US for undergraduate participation in study abroad at Master's Institutions (Open Doors, 2007). Thirty percent of the student body studies abroad before they graduate. This remarkable number is achieved through the creation of low-cost programs for students in a variety of countries.

Examples of affordable study abroad programs, many which offer an ocean view, include:

4-weeks in Ecuador: \$1350 (includes tuition for 3 credits, room, partial board, excursions)

5-weeks in Hong Kong: \$3000 (includes tuition for 6 credits, airfare, room, excursions)

4-weeks in Germany: \$3333 (includes tuition for 4 credits, room, excursions, partial board)

4-weeks in Italy: \$3900 (includes tuition for 6 credits, room, and excursions)

4-weeks in Spain: \$3875 (includes tuition for 6 credits, room, board and excursions)

17-weeks in Ecuador: \$4900 (includes tuition for 16 credits, room, partial board, excursions)

16-weeks in Hong Kong: UMW tuition and UMW board (Does not include airfare and board)

16-weeks in Germany: UMW tuition (does not include room and board which may be slightly higher)

16-weeks in Italy: UMW tuition (does not include room, and board which may be slightly higher)

16-weeks in Spain: \$6380 (includes tuition, room, partial board, excursions)

16-weeks in Wales: \$8330 (includes tuition and room)

Mr. Wigginton is correct: "experiences abroad are something that they [students] will remember forever" and more students should take advantage of this remarkable opportunity. There are cost effective ways to get abroad--but you might need to stand on one leg and lean to get the view.

Chris Musick is the University Director of International Academic Services.

Keep Political Views Out of the Classroom

BY ERIN BURKE
Guest Columnist

Election Day on a college campus is certainly exciting to watch, isn't it?

I walked to my 8 a.m. class on Tuesday bombarded by messages written just about everywhere in support of Obama. The messages of "McCain = murder," "McCain = Fail" and "I <3 Obama and Obama <3s you" seemed immature to me...especially when considering that we as college students are at a point in our lives where we are expected to be educated and respectful to the opinions of others.

Such acceptance is to be expected upon consideration that most college students are liberal and Democrat.

However, Obama paraphernalia was placed in several places where school policy states that it should not be, such as lampposts, windows, the clocks, etc. Not one of them had an OSACS signature, which is apparently mandatory for any fliers or posters.

More discomforting was hearing that Obama stickers had been placed on the desks in Combs and Chandler, seeing Obama slogans written all over chalkboards in various classrooms, and seeing vast amounts of flyers covering the halls of Chandler and the windows of the Nest and covering the entrance of my dorm.

This university is in support of a liberal education and our freedom of expression. However, that freedom does not apply when certain acts interfere with the learning environment.

We've seen evidence of this in the past.

Our university allowed former President Bill Clinton to come speak during the middle of the week, drawing a large crowd and distracting students and professors.

My class, my mindset of learning about mood disorders in children and adolescents, was disrupted by political writing on my desk where I was forced to see it. It's the same principle, is it not?

I cannot believe our university would allow such an interruption.

While the stickers on the desks, and everywhere else they were not supposed to be should be considered "defacing school property," there is definitely no room for that sort of behavior in the classroom.

We should be allowed to express our opinions--and we obviously do--but those opinions have a place and a time.

We are adults, and that means we should at least tolerate both sides of the argument and should respectfully disagree with differences among ourselves.

This campus did not allow that to happen, and for that I was shocked and frankly disgusted.

If we want to be a generation of change, we should start acting differently than the rest of the country and open our minds.

By plastering our school with these messages, etc., we are only perpetuating the stereotype of overzealous and uncontrollable college students who take a mile when given an inch.

Erin Burke is a sophomore.

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Entertainment

'LittleBigPlanet' an Interactive Masterpiece

By ELIOT HAGEN
Staff Writer

"LittleBigPlanet" is indisputably one of the biggest PlayStation 3 exclusive releases in the console's lifespan. Its innovative gameplay, unique aesthetic and unparalleled charm all work toward its universal appeal. The game's tagline, "Play, Create, Share" is the perfect descriptor for the experience.

On the "Play" front, we're treated to simple platforming on a 2D plane. The only twist is that there are three planes—the background, middle-ground and foreground. This makes the gameplay simple enough for anyone to pick up but with plenty of room for more complex maneuvers.

Aside from the obvious running and jumping, the ability to grab things allows your character to swing from ledge to ledge as well as pull and push objects, while the physics engine keeps things flowing and very interesting. Playing alone is a blast, yes, but if you want to enjoy the game properly, you'll have to get another controller—or three of them—and play with some friends.

There's a strange feeling of giddy euphoria

that comes over one when playing "LittleBigPlanet." It could be from the fluid gameplay, the intoxicating soundtrack, the ingenious level design or the heart-melting cuteness of the game's protagonist, Sackboy (or Sack-girl).

In terms of your character, there are literally thousands of clothing items and accessories that will allow you to tailor your Sack Person to your liking. At the beginning of the game you don't have much to work with, so you'll have to play through the campaign mode to track down all of the extras. In addition to costume and Sackboy-related upgrades, you'll also find hundreds of tools that'll be helpful in level creation.

The main game is set in a knit version of the Earth with dozens of stages and challenges all over the world. Bringing back memories of the themed worlds in "Super Mario Bros.," each

stage has a different palette and soundtrack depending on which part of the world it's in. You start off in the quaint gardens of Britain but soon you move to the African savannah. You have the Day-of-the-Dead-inspired South American levels (think "Grim Fandango") and the urban areas of the USA.

However, the fun doesn't stop there. "LittleBigPlanet" is one of the few titles that's built on the concept of creating worlds rather than destroying them, and the game gives you all of the tools required to create your dream world.

Using the very straightforward stage creator, anyone can create a fun level. You can even import photographs from your camera to include as backgrounds or 'stickers' in your stages. After a bit of tinkering, I was able to create a simple stage involving a few spinning wheels and a

skateboard, but there are extremely skilled creators making levels beyond the imagination of even the developers.

This bridges over to the "Sharing" aspect of the game, which is one of its main features. Despite the requisite online multiplayer where PSN Friends can pop in on your game and play, it's the level-sharing feature that's going to guarantee this game's longevity.

Already there are levels that defy everyone's preconceptions of this title. There's a full re-creation of the first temple in "Zelda II: The Adventure of Link," a level that takes place in a "Tetris" grid, levels inspired by games like "God of War" and "Shadow of the Colossus," and even levels that change the gameplay into that of a shoot-em-up, as with the now famous "Gradius" stage.

"LittleBigPlanet" is the Prozac of gaming. It can't help but put a smile on your face, regardless of your demeanor. The scrapbook art style, the whimsical and addictive music and Stephen Fry's hilarious performance as the narrator will guarantee to brighten up your day. If you have a PS3, you have to get this game. It's cheaper than anti-depressants and it works almost as well.

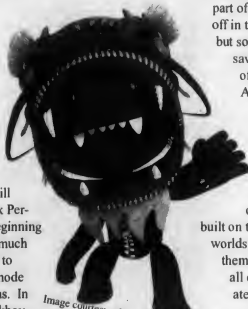


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Rock the Vote in Richmond

Beastie Boys, Jack Johnson Urge the Youth to Vote

By TRICIA CALLAHAN
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The Beastie Boys headlined a concert in Richmond on Tuesday, Oct. 29 that hoped to get young people from Virginia to the polls Nov. 4.

The overhead projected a huge megaphone saying "Get Out and Vote 08" and the 6,000 who attended left with not only a desire to vote but a strange inkling that every artist wanted you to vote Democratic. Some even mentioned that they had marked Obama on their early ballots.

Wearing a KISS t-shirt, tights and big gold 80s earrings, Santogold was first to the stage. Her wardrobe only added to the confusion of the music she was about to deliver. Although her name is far from being flashed on Broadway any time soon, her retro reggae rap seemed to coax the crowd to swing their hips. To add to the amusement, two dancers stood to the right and left of her in gold MC Hammer-like shirts and pulled off alien-like dance moves, often matching the wild rhythm of Santogold's songs.

Next in the line-up was Norah Jones, offering her smooth melodies to

calm everyone down after the opening performance. She opened with "Come Away with Me," and the crowd buzzed at the sweetness of her voice. She sang the most profound song of the night, "My Dear Country," even changing the last lines of the song to fit the event perfectly.

"Next week hopefully we'll all be happy to find a new song I can sing on election day," she said.

Jack Johnson's laid-back rhythms helped the audience stretch back into their imaginary lounge chairs on the sandy beaches of Hawaii. He began his set with "Gone," which holds a powerful message. He wants people to realize that things such as politics and making a difference are more important than material things: "Cars, phones and diamond rings, bling bling, but those are only removable things."

Getting the crowd excited seemed to be like second nature to Sheryl Crow. Moving from one corner of the stage to the next, Sheryl Crow effectively got everyone clapping and cheering. Her song "A Change Would Do you Good" seem to hold a whole new meaning when performed—considering

Obama's campaign slogan is "Change," it was easy to see where her allegiance lay.

After complaining to the crowd about the gas prices and the success of Exxon, Crow sang "Gasoline will be free," a dreamer's perspective to many. Sheryl Crow was also the most vocal about the reasons behind the concert.

"I have to believe that we have enough strength to change the course of our nation," she said. "I have to believe that war never solved a [dam] thing. We're going to be aware, aware, aware."

The Beastie Boys set started with their amazing disc jockey, "Mix Master Mike," who got the crowd pumped for the headline. When Mike D, Adam "MCA" Yauch and Adam "Ad-Rock" Horowitz stepped onstage, the crowd rocked with overwhelming screams and applause. After their performance of "Sure Shot," they reminded everyone that the 2004 election would have been very different if all registered voters had gone out to vote.



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Top 5 Reasons We're Saved

By JOHN SHERIDAN
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1. Steps Toward Real Equality

A non-white candidate has been elected president. What some said was impossible turned out to be a lot more than possible. But this is no simple passing matter or something to be shoved in another's face.

This is something to be revered and reflected upon, and let's be grateful it happened when our generation was able to participate.

2. Transparency

It feels like the White House doors are finally opening again after some four to six odd years. For many, there's been a feeling that nobody in there was listening. It's not simply that the Bush administration had turned

a deaf ear to the outcries of a nation—not that it was doing it on purpose, but with a war going on it wasn't going to listen to everyone.

As public approval fell, the government became further estranged from the people who were getting tired of it.

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Now it has been proven that we do matter, those of us who thought nobody was listening, and suddenly the White House seems like a hall of justice instead of Bush's fortress of solitude.

3. Freedom

Hopefully the new administration will ease off the phone tapping. And the cell phone tracing, and the email scanning and every other method of monitoring the aver-

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They can't call us a nation ruled by "imperialist money-grubbing old white men" anymore. No, they'll have to think of something new.

5. Well-Spoken Leadership

We have a president-elect who can speak well. This will become paramount as the initial buzz surrounding the election wears off. Language is the greatest tool of our civilization: it conveys ideas, emotions and imperatives.

It can solve problems and it can start wars. None of us will ever know how many times during the Cold War a flock of geese on the radar almost triggered the Rapture, but it was averted by a little red telephone between a man in Washington and a man in the Kremlin.



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And when our president speaks to other countries, he represents us. When we suffer disaster and calamity at home and abroad, we want to hear what our president will say. Like him or not, let's be thankful this one is a proper rhetorical.



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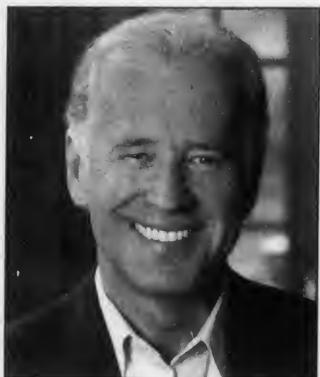


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18-year-old Daniel Bachman remembers the first time he met Adam Bray.

"I had been trying to pre-order his band's album, and then Adam contacted me when he found out I was from Fredericksburg. We met up at Hyperion—I remember he was wearing a flannel shirt—and he just pulled a copy out of his breast pocket and handed it to me. I was 15 and I just thought that was the coolest thing," said Bachman.

The action was characteristic of Bray, a 29-year-old, 2002 graduate of Mary Washington, and his commitment to all things community and the arts.

These twin passions, coupled with his concern for area youth and knack for organizational leadership, have fused into Fredericksburg All Ages, a concert-series aimed at providing serious musical opportunities for kids under 21.

"I have a strong belief that a lot of the problems in communities with kids is that there is nothing to do, nothing to look forward to," Bray said. "There just needed to be an all-ages place for kids to come and have a good time that's alcohol free."

His idea immediately took off following the in-

augural show at the Wounded Bookshop in the fall of 2006, where Bachman played.

"Before Fredericksburg All Ages the only place to play was at something like my grandma's pool party," Bachman said. "Adam brought a real breath of fresh air to the kids of Fredericksburg."

Due to spatial issues from overwhelming turnout, the shows were eventually moved to Third Floor Studio, an art gallery run by the Fredericksburg Athenaeum and Paul Lewis.

This new venue enabled Bray to snag bigger acts, creating an opportunity for the kids to perform and interact with successful touring bands.

According to Bachman, young local bands are now able to play shows in D.C. and other areas outside of Fredericksburg because of the relationships they have established with touring musicians.

However, Bray is quick to point out that despite the often-widespread notoriety following these groups, it's the high school bands that really bring in the fans. For this reason, cover charges rarely exceed \$5—just enough to cover taxes for the venue, leaving the remaining proceeds for area youth-centered art endeavors.

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Ra Ra Riot, who have been featured on Conan O'Brien, will headline the next Fredericksburg All Ages show.

call their own, but an avenue for creativity where they can tangibly see their own results," Lewis said.

Bray's pioneering work has left an indelible work on the Fredericksburg community, but to the point where it may have grown out of his comfort zone.

Lately he has been scaling back Fredericksburg All Ages to a more manageable size with the inten-

tion of tuning responsibilities over to one of his more dedicated volunteers.

But for now, Bray can still be found at local shows and is still actively recruiting volunteers, particularly Mary Washington students. His still-boyish optimism surfaces as he continues discussing upcoming events, pausing to add, "If kids stopped coming to shows, it just wouldn't be worth it anymore."

Features

UMW Alums Tie the Knot

"Will you marry me?"

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For decades successful couples have walked the halls at the University of Mary Washington, and several notable pairs have gone on to be happily married alumni.

The first time men took classes at Mary Washington was after WWII, when the GI bill gave men who had served in the armed forces the chance to go to college for a degree.

One of these men approached Marceline (Marcy) Weatherly in the campus store Feb. 6, 1947. Elmer (June) Morris, a Navy veteran, walked up to Marcy and asked her to the upcoming Valentine's dance.

"I don't know how I had the guts!" June remembered. "She didn't tell me her answer right away. She said she had to go home and think about it."

Due to the strict rules on dating, that were common at the time, Marcy needed permission from her parents in order to go to the dance with June.

"I called my parents and told them

away," Marcy said. "It was a special day but every day we've had is special."

A little bit modern for his time, June did not ask Marcy's parents for permission. When Marcy told her parents that she and June were officially engaged, her father said "Well that's fine, we like June, but we want to see Weatherly (Marcy's maiden name) on that diploma!"

"The engagement lasted too long," June said. "It went on forever and ever and ever."

June and Marcy graduated from Mary Washington in June 1950, and got married Aug. 5, 1950. The two celebrated their honeymoon by taking a road trip to Niagara Falls. The pair moved to King George, had two children, and eventually grandchildren and great grandchildren. They still live in the house they moved into in 1956.

"It's been 58 years and you wouldn't think people could still be so in love and so happy and so thankful for all the things in our life," Marcy said. "If you're looking for a reason

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this guy had asked me out!" Marcy stated.

The pair went on their first official date to the Valentine's dance in 1947.

"He gave me a gardenia and that's still my favorite flower," Marcy said. "We had a lovely time."

The two went on to attempt the difficult feat of a courtship at Mary Washington in the 1940s. The dating rules were so strict that the two could not go to restaurants or leave campus unless they were part of a group; they had to walk everywhere.

"We spent a lot of time walking around campus, sitting on the benches around Ball Circle and going to events on campus," Marcy said. "If you could survive a three and a half year courtship at Mary Washington in the 1950s, marriage would be a piece of cake!"

Marcy realized how rare the boys at Mary Washington were.

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June proposed on New Year's Eve of 1948.

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Though the WWII veterans were the first gentlemen to attend classes at Mary Washington, the campus officially went co-ed in 1972. Ron Napier was part of this class of young men.

Ron went to governor's school a summer during high school, and it took place at Mary Washington. He had such an incredible experience he decided to go to Mary Washington for his undergraduate degree.

Ron did not realize the gender ratio was going to be what it was. He remembered feeling "incredibly intimidated."

One Sunday morning Ron was eating breakfast in Seacobeck with a girl he was dating, when Kathy Pritchard walked up and started chatting with them. The girl Ron was seeing introduced Ron and Kathy, and the two began a friendship.

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Courtesy of Ron and Kathy Napier

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Above: June and Marcy Morris in front of June's convertible on Campus Walk in the late 40s. The Morris' met at the campus bookstore in 1947. Right: Ben and Stephanie Maxwell kiss on the Jepson Alumni Center fountain for their Summer '08 wedding photos. The Maxwell wedding reception was held at the Jepson Alumni Center.



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"I had been trying to pre-order his band's album, and then Adam contacted me when he found out I was from Fredericksburg. We met up at Hyperion—I remember he was wearing a flannel shirt—and he just pulled a copy out of his breast pocket and handed it to me. I was 15 and I just thought that was the coolest thing," said Bachman.

The action was characteristic of Bray, a 29-year-old, 2002 graduate of Mary Washington, and his commitment to all things community and the arts.

These twin passions, coupled with his concern for area youth and knack for organizational leadership, have fused into Fredericksburg All Ages.

a concert-series aimed at providing serious musical opportunities for kids under 21.

"I have a strong belief that a lot of the problems in communities with kids is that there is nothing to do, nothing to look forward to," Bray said. "There just needed to be an all-ages place for kids to come and have a good time that's alcohol free."

This idea immediately took off following the in-

augural show at the Wounded Bookshop in the fall of 2006, where Bachman played.

"Before Fredericksburg All Ages the only place to play was at something like my grandma's pool party," Bachman said. "Adam brought a real breath of fresh air to the kids of Fredericksburg."

Due to spatial issues from overwhelming turnout, the shows were eventually moved to Third Floor Studio, an art gallery run by the Fredericksburg Athenaeum and Paul Lewis.

This new venue enabled Bray to snag bigger acts, creating an opportunity for the kids to perform and interact with successful touring bands.

According to Bachman, young local bands are now able to play shows in D.C. and other areas outside of Fredericksburg because of the relationships they have established with touring musicians.

However, Bray is quick to point out that despite the often-widespread notoriety following these groups, it's the high school bands that really bring in the fans. For this reason, cover charges rarely exceed \$5—just enough to cover taxes for the venue, leaving the remaining proceeds for area youth-centered art endeavors.

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Ra Ra Riot, who have been featured on Conan O'Brien, will headline the next Fredericksburg All Ages show.

Features

UMW Alums Tie the Knot

By ERIN HOESLY
Staff Writer



Courtesy of Ron and Kathy Napier

Ron and Kathy Napier pose in front of Ball Hall during Kathy Napier's graduation in 1978. The two met in Seacobeck Hall. "The first time he asked me out he wanted me to help him get a birthday present for my friend he was dating," she said.



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Above: Juney and Marcy Morris in front of Juney's convertible on Campus Walk in the late 40s. The Morris' met at the campus bookstore in 1947. Right: Ben and Stephanie Maxwell kiss on the Jepson Alumni Center fountain for their Summer '08 wedding photos. The Maxwell wedding reception was held at the Jepson Alumni Center.

away," Marcy said. "It was a special day but every day we've had is special."

A little bit modern for his time, Juney did not ask Marcy's parents for permission. When Marcy told her parents that she and Juney were officially engaged, her father said "Well that's fine, we like Juney, but we want to see Weatherly (Marcy's maiden name) on that diploma!"

"The engagement lasted too long," Juney said. "It went on forever and ever and ever."

Juney and Marcy graduated from Mary Washington in June 1950, and got married Aug. 5, 1950. The two celebrated their honeymoon by taking a road trip to Niagara Falls. The pair moved to King George, had two children, and eventually grandchildren and great grandchildren. They still live in the house they moved into in 1956.

"It's been 58 years and you wouldn't think people could still be so in love and so happy and so thankful for all the things in our life," Marcy said. "If you're looking for a reason

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this guy had asked me out!" Marcy stated.

The pair went on their first official date to the Valentine's dance in 1947.

"He gave me a gardenia and that's still my favorite flower," Marcy said. "We had a lovely time."

The two went on to attempt the difficult feat of a courtship at Mary Washington in the 1940s. The dating rules were so strict that the two could not go to restaurants or leave campus unless they were part of a group; they had to walk everywhere.

"We spent a lot of time walking around campus, sitting on the benches around Ball Circle and going to events on campus," Marcy said. "If you could survive a three and a half year courtship at Mary Washington in the 1950s, marriage would be a piece of cake!"

Marcy realized how rare the boys at Mary Washington were.

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Juney proposed on New Year's Eve of 1948.

"I didn't have to think about that until the next day, I said yes right

for longevity it's mutual respect and love."

"Marcy was a very lovely young lady and she still is. She's an amazing person," Juney said.

Though the WWII veterans were the first gentlemen to attend classes at Mary Washington, the campus officially went co-ed in 1972. Ron Napier was part of this class of young men.

Ron went to governor's school a summer during high school, and it took place at Mary Washington. He had such an incredible experience he decided to go to Mary Washington for his undergraduate degree.

Ron did not realize the gender ratio was going to be what it was. He remembered feeling "incredibly intimidated."

One Sunday morning Ron was eating breakfast in Seacobeck with a girl he was dating, when Kathy Pritchard walked up and started chatting with them. The girl Ron was seeing introduced Ron and Kathy, and the two began a friendship.

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Courtesy of Ben and Stephanie Maxwell

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gram. However, said Crawley, "writing about the students was the most enjoyable part of the process."

Bringing the book to a bittersweet close were the commencement exercises of 2007, wherein Crawley adeptly painted a vibrant portrait of Ball Circle.

"What better way to end than with a beginning?" Crawley said.

3,000 copies of the book have been printed and approximately 750 copies sold so far, including pre-sales.

"Dr. Crawley worked very, very hard to achieve this challenging goal, and he hit a home run," Dr. Ranjit Singh, Professor of Political Science said.

Available at the UMW Bookstore for \$34.95

Reading on Nov. 17, 12-2 p.m., in the Dome Room.

Alumni Reflect on Courtship at UMW

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Kathy said.

The two went shopping downtown for a present, got dinner at a Greek sandwich shop and began to peak each other's interests.

"He was funny. He was really nice and funny," Kathy recalled.

The two continued to spend time together at Mary Washington, and Ron was the more forceful of the two.

"I knew her whole schedule," Ron confessed. "So I would know how to position myself [on campus] so that she would have to run into me."

Ron and Kathy did not have as hard a time dating as June and Marcy Morris did.

"We had keg parties. I guess that's a big no no now," Kathy said with a chuckle.

The pair also enjoyed going on walks in the nearby golf course and cemeteries, and fishing or canoeing on the Rappahannock River.

One Rappahannock adventure ended badly. Ron, Kathy and two friends went canoeing, and the friends ended up destroying their canoe going through the rapids, and the group had to pay \$250 for the broken canoe.

"It was a fun time to be in Fredericksburg," Ron recalled. "It was really a college town."

"We were really good friends. And we just enjoyed each other and I think we fell in love," Kathy remembered. But, she also admits, "he was definitely a challenge."

Ron proposed the night before Kathy's graduation in 1978 (Ron graduated the year before). She had one stipulation.

"I told him he had to ask my dad for my hand, for his permission," she said.

This was harder than Ron expected, and Ron had to ask Kathy's father several times before the two even spoke.

Eventually, after a bit of the third degree, Ron received Kathy's father's blessing.

"He handed me the engagement ring right before graduation," Kathy said. Kathy's family played an interesting role in the service.

She said both of her grandfathers were ministers, each contributed to the



Courtesy of June and Marcy Morris

June and Marcy Morris at their wedding in 1950.

single wedding ceremony, arguing over whether to conduct a Methodist or Presbyterian service.

"Each year, each phase, is something different and exciting," Kathy shared.

The couple have had three children, two of whom chose Mary Washington to attend.

Dan Steen was in a political science class in 1981, when a girl walked up to him and began talking about the upcoming SGA election.

"Hi, have you met Anne Thompson," she asked. "She's running against you."

Steen and Anne Thompson were both running for SGA offices (Anne changed her mind after her first meeting with Dan and they ended up running for different positions) when they met. It was not love at first sight for this couple.

In the early '80s, Mary Washington had a lot of couples events on campus, and anytime one of Anne's friends couldn't find a date, she would set him up with her good friend Dan.

"I thought it was wrong that we should date when we were both in student government," Dan ethically admitted.

Almost a year and a half passed before Anne found out that Dan's feelings towards her were more than friendly.

"A couple of my friends knew I was interested in her, but I didn't say anything," Dan shared. "Finally one of my friends said 'Dan is interested in you.'"

Anne confessed that she was very surprised by the news. The two had their first date in Spring 1983 when they saw the movie *My Favorite Year* starring Peter O'Toole. "She hated it, I liked it," Dan re-

membered.

Dan went to law school at UVa and Anne also attended for graduate school after leaving Mary Wash.

The night before Thanksgiving in 1986, Dan got down on one knee at the Ivy Inn in Charlottesville and asked Anne to marry him.

"I was on a law student's budget, so it was a pretty small ring," Dan admitted. Dan said watching Anne walk down the aisle of their wedding is still one of his fondest memories.

The Steens currently live in Arlington. Dan is a member of the UMW Board of Visitors.

Cupid's arrow struck the SGA again a few years later when Liam Cleaver and Ann-Clayton Everett (known as Ace) met on move-in day freshmen year.

Both Liam and Ace lived in Randolph hall their first year at Mary Washington, and Ace had gone to high school with Liam's roommate. The two started dating a month later, in Sep. 1988.

"I think it was an added benefit that I met Mr. Right on the first day of school," Ace shared.

Their first date was a movie that was shown in Dodd auditorium for \$1 (similar to Cheap Seats now), the animated movie *The Aristocats*.

The two also enjoyed going to Sammy T's, or the occasional special evening at the Kenmore Inn.

"I think Fredericksburg has changed tremendously since we've been here," Liam shares.

The pair moved to northern Virginia together after graduation. One night, Liam played the movie they watched on their first date in Dodd auditorium and proposed. The ring had five diamonds, one for each year they dated.

Liam and Ace had a small wedding in Virginia Beach, and now live in Old Town Alexandria.

Obviously, married life changed the relationship a bit.

"The biggest change is since we've had children," Liam shared. "They fundamentally change your life and now we know why."

Some UMW couples found a less traditional way to meet one another.

"I trapped Steph on a treadmill so that she would talk to me," Ben con-

fessed.

Their Mary Washington romance is not quite as traditional as the others, Ben shares.

"We knew of each other at school. But we didn't officially meet until after we had graduated."

On their first date they went up to Manassas to see a band play. While remembering the night, Ben turned to Stephanie and asked:

"Did we grab dinner before?"

"No," Stephanie replied. "You weren't that classy."

"A friend was hitting on Steph the whole night," Ben remembered. "He didn't know we were on a date."

Stephanie was in her fifth-year at Mary Washington, completing her master's in elementary education when the pair started dating.

"My girlfriends would joke around after I got an F in biology that I was really here to get my MRS," Stephanie joked. "I knew I wanted a husband out of Mary Washington."

Ben popped the question to Stephanie at her class room while she was student teaching in February.

"He organized a whole thing with my coordinating teacher and my second grade class," Stephanie remembered. "He got three of my favorite boys to go out in the hall. The boys came in with the ring box and said 'We found this in the hallway.'"

After that, Stephanie froze.

The couple had one unforeseen problem in wedding planning. Stephanie's mother had some specific requests.

"We had to spend two-hundred dollars to get personalized water bottle labels that said 'Ben and Stephanie's Wedding,'" Ben recalled.

The pair married in Summer 2008, at the UMW Alumni Center, and live in Fredericksburg.

But happy couples at UMW are not simply stories from the past. On Oct. 24 at the homecoming dance, Gray Haliburton got down on one knee in front of the entire crowd and asked girlfriend Amanda Heathcock to be his wife. The two are likely to become the newest members of a very special group of couples who met and married their Mary Washington sweethearts.

News

Off-Campus EagleOne Vendors Increase

By JONATHAN WIGGINGTON
Staff Writer

Instead of using their leftover EagleOne money on textbooks, students at Mary Washington may now use it at restaurants around Fredericksburg.

Introduced last fall, this is a new phenomenon at UMW, something that current students relish whenever they get that itch for fast food.

"I think it's great to have the ability to use EagleOne off campus, especially when you are just plain tired of Seaco," said junior Jeremy Wood.

Currently, there are 13 off campus locations around Fredericksburg that accept EagleOne, more than twice the number offered last year. The favorite locations include: Chick-fil-A, Noodles & Company, IHOP, and Allman's Bar-B-Que.

According to EagleOne Off Campus Merchant Manager Jessica Thompson, the off-campus dining industry is a big business. At the beginning of the 2007 fiscal year, there were only five merchant locations, which led to \$17,935.53 in total sales. This fiscal year, with 13 locations, there were already \$32,432.68 in total sales by the end of October, for a grand total \$50,368.21 since the program began.

Based on the 4,376 total transactions since 2007, students on average are spending \$11 per swipe.

According to the UMW website, there are many benefits of being able to use EagleOne off campus, including the fact that it is easier and safer than cash.

Thompson added, "There are also merchants who offer something special just for our students," and deals are highlighted on the website.

Although merchants must buy the EagleOne card reader and have an active phone line, there is no start-up fee, and UMW provides marketing, advertising, accounting and IT support.

A popular restaurant that was onboard at the beginning of fall 2007 was the McDonald's on Route 1, by the UMW heating plant. Unfortunately, students often had to pay out of pocket because the EagleOne reader kept breaking down.

Thompson said that besides McDonald's, there

have been no other problems with any other merchants.

However, Hope Jewell, the manager of Pizza Hut on Powhatan Street said that she too has had issues with the EagleOne card reader, saying, "It doesn't always work." Jewell added that students have sometimes ordered pizza using their EagleOne when the card had insufficient funds.

Putting that aside, Jewell said that she liked the program and the fact that students can put tips on their bill directly from their EagleOne card.

Other area merchants echoed Jewell's approval of the system.

"We definitely are a fan of the EagleOne program, and may see it expanding to other area stores," said manager Rachel Fleming of the Chick-fil-A in Central Park. Fleming added that they just hosted a fundraising event for a UMW interest group the last week.

Many businesses have heard about EagleOne from students, and have contacted UMW to try and become a partner.

Thompson urged students to keep it up.

"Please continue to let restaurants and businesses that you frequent, know this opportunity is available to them and the program will continue to grow each semester."

Another area manager is very happy to be a part of the EagleOne community and says he loves

having students at his restaurant.

"It's advantageous for both us and the students," said IHOP manager Rudy Garcia. "It's easy access for students, and its revenue for us."

While Christopher Newport University has eight off campus partners, Longwood University does not have any. Longwood is however advertising that Chick-fil-A is "Coming Soon."

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Police Too Busy for Beat

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the information.

"Then he just stopped responding," Toney said, "I sent multiple e-mails a week and he said he would provide the information but didn't."

Part of the time Snipes was unreachable, he was away helping with the aftermath of Hurricane Ike, but remained unavailable upon his return. According to Snipes, the face-to-face meetings were immensely time-consuming and were in need of being re-worked. "I had found that, given the 2-hour average each week that doing the Police Beat in person took, I could do it differently to better manage my time," Snipes said in an email.

Nowrouz said that part of the frustration regarding the lack of a Police Beat is the lack of transparency on the part of the police. Because the *Bullet* can't get Police Beat, Nowrouz said the *Bullet* is having a hard time keeping up with the pulse of campus. "Compared to the relation-

ship we've had before, we're getting next to nothing," Nowrouz said.

According to Snipes, e-mailing specific questions from the crime log took

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about one quarter of the previous time requirement. "The e-mail response was actually the method used by my predecessor and worked well," Snipes said.

Executive Vice President Rick Hurley said in an e-mail that he agreed that the e-mail method, suggested by both Snipes and Assistant Vice President for Public Safety and Community Service Susan Knick. "I agree with their assessment about the good use of their time and support the procedure they outlined for the *Bullet* to follow, i.e. *Bullet* reporter reviews Crime Log and e-mails questions about any item of interest," Hurley said.

Toney, however, claims that the information from the e-mail requests was still incomplete. The only way to get full detailed information for the Police Beat is from Chief Snipes, which left Toney with nothing. Snipes says he would like to start doing face-to-face interactions again, but simply has not had time.

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Renters Unsure of Housing Future

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As such, Johnson said that normally the person or entity that takes the property from the landlord, whether through purchase or through government seizure of property, must uphold the rights of the existing tenants that live on the properties.

Since most tenants usually do not record their lease, they must rely on the fact that they are currently living on the property to give notice of their right to legal possession and proving that they have the right to live there.

This means that students living in the houses could prove they already have the right to live there, even if

they don't have a recorded lease. They don't have to worry about losing their right to live in the houses.

Nelson, along with other tenants of Lee's houses, still isn't so sure that something won't go wrong with his housing situation as a result of Lee's arrest.

"In the back of our minds, we're wondering if we're going to come home one day to a message telling us to pack up our stuff and leave," Nelson said. "We're trying to be low-key, nice-guy tenants, but [Lee] bricked when he was thinking about what this could do to me, our neighbor, and anyone else paying rent to him."

Student Convicted for Fight Last Year

By AARON RICHARDSON
Entertainment Editor

What started as a brawl between partygoers on Hunter Street last November resulted in the conviction of one of the fraternity members for malicious wounding.

Sophomore John Russo, a member of Psi-Upsilon, entered a guilty plea for misdemeanor malicious wounding June 11. Russo, who was involved in a fight that took place in November of last year, received a 12-month suspended sentence.

In addition, he was ordered to pay \$2,182.40 to the victim, fellow sophomore Evan Weiss. According to court documents, the payments were to be in \$100.00 installments starting no later than Aug. 1. Weiss had no comment.

According to an article in the Feb. 21 issue of the *Bullet*, Weiss received a broken jaw and lost six teeth in the altercation. The fight happened Nov. 17, 2007 outside a Psi Upsilon frat party on Hunter Street.

At his arraignment in March, Russo had pled not guilty, but changed his plea at trial. Because Russo changed his plea from not

guilty to guilty, his charge was reduced from a Class 3 felony to a misdemeanor. Russo, who is still enrolled at UMW, declined to comment.

With charges reduced to a misdemeanor, Russo avoided a maximum sentence of 20 years behind bars and a \$100,000 fine. According to the Feb. 21 *Bullet*, Russo's \$1,000 bail was raised by friends and fellow fraternity members.

Members of Psi-Upsilon alleged at the time that members of the lacrosse team ignited the brawl with racial slurs aimed at Russo's then roommate. The fight escalated when members of the lacrosse team came to his defense.

At the time of the incident, Russo's then roommate Samson Belay said "People get in fights all the time, but being called the racial slur was the worst. I had a hole in my lip, my face was swollen. That all heals, but words don't heal."

According to lacrosse team members interviewed at the time of the assault, Weiss was beaten after he was rendered unconscious. According to the *Bullet* article, Weiss needed thousands of dollars' of reconstructive surgery after the attack.

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"It's kind of a funny little book, actually," Watkins said. "An inside-baschall history that's curiously opinionated—alternately bitchy and self-congratulatory. To the extent I guess I'll ever read it, I do appear to get to be the villain—or at least the resident soundcl—which is always fun. The William Ayers of dear Mary Washington."

Almost as entertaining, but at times just as shocking, were the colorful anecdotes about student life. Crawley recounted such traditions as Devil Goat Day, May Day and Halloweens. He also described the development of the school's honor system, service organizations and the successful athletic pro-

gram. However, said Crawley, "writing about the students was the most enjoyable part of the process."

Bringing the book to a bittersweet close were the commencement exercises of 2007, wherein Crawley adeptly painted a vibrant portrait of Ball Circle. "What better way to end than with a beginning?" Crawley said.

3,000 copies of the book have been printed and approximately 750 copies sold so far, including pre-sales.

"Dr. Crawley worked very, very hard to achieve this challenging goal, and he hit a home run," Dr. Ranjit Singh, Professor of Political Science said.

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Reading on Nov. 17, 12-2 p.m., in the Dome Room.

Alumni Reflect on Courtship at UMW

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Kathy said.

The two went shopping downtown for a present, got dinner at a Greek sandwich shop and began to peak each other's interests.

"He was funny. He was really nice and funny," Kathy recalled.

The two continued to spend time together at Mary Washington, and Ron was the more forceful of the two.

"I knew her whole schedule," Ron confessed. "So I would know how to position myself [on campus] so that she would have to run into me."

Ron and Kathy did not have as hard a time dating as June and Marcy Morris did.

"We had keg parties. I guess that's a big no no now," Kathy said with a chuckle.

The pair also enjoyed going on walks in the nearby golf course and cemeteries, and fishing or canoeing on the Rappahannock River.

One Rappahannock adventure ended badly. Ron, Kathy and two friends went canoeing, and the friends ended up destroying their canoe going through the rapids, and the group had to pay \$250 for the broken canoe.

"It was a fun time to be in Fredericksburg," Ron recalled. "It was really a college town."

"We were really good friends. And we just enjoyed each other and I think we fell in love," Kathy remembered. But, she also admits, "he was definitely a challenge."

Ron proposed the night before Kathy's graduation in 1978 (Ron graduated the year before). She had one stipulation.

"I told him he had to ask my dad for my hand, for his permission," she said.

This was harder than Ron expected, and Ron had to ask Kathy's father several times before the two even spoke.

Eventually, after a bit of the third degree, Ron received Kathy's father's blessing.

"He handed me the engagement ring right before graduation," Kathy said.

Kathy's family played an interesting role in the service.

She said both of her grandfathers were ministers, each contributed to the



June and Marcy Morris at their wedding in 1950.

single wedding ceremony, arguing over whether to conduct a Methodist or Presbyterian service.

"Each year, each phase, is something different and exciting," Kathy shared.

The couple have had three children, two of whom chose Mary Washington to attend.

Dan Steen was in a political science class in 1981, when a girl walked up to him and began talking about the upcoming SGA election.

"Hi, have you met Anne Thompson," she asked. "She's running against you."

Steen and Anne Thompson were both running for SGA offices (Anne changed her mind after her first meeting with Dan and they ended up running for different positions) when they met. It was not love at first sight for this couple.

In the early '80s, Mary Washington had a lot of couples events on campus, and anytime one of Anne's friends couldn't find a date, she would set him up with her good friend Dan.

"I thought it was wrong that we should date when we were both in student government," Dan ethically admitted.

Almost a year and a half passed before Anne found out that Dan's feelings towards her were more than friendly.

"A couple of my friends knew I was interested in her, but I didn't say anything," Dan shared. "Finally one of my friends said 'Dan is interested in you.'"

Anne confessed that she was very surprised by the news.

The two had their first date in Spring 1983 when they saw the movie *My Favorite Year* starring Peter On'Loole.

"She hated it, I liked it," Dan re-

membered.

Dan went to law school at UVA and Anne also attended for graduate school after leaving Mary Wash.

The night before Thanksgiving in 1986, Dan got down on one knee at the Ivy Inn in Charlottesville and asked Anne to marry him.

"I was on a law student's budget, so it was a pretty small ring," Dan admitted. Dan said watching Anne walk down the aisle of their wedding is still one of his fondest memories.

The Steens currently live in Arlington. Dan is a member of the UMW Board of Visitors.

Cupid's arrow struck the SGA again a few years later when Liam Cleaver and Ann-Clayton Everett (known as Ace) met on move-in day freshmen year.

Both Liam and Ace lived in Randolph hall their first year at Mary Washington, and Ace had gone to high school with Liam's roommate. The two started dating a month later, in Sep. 1988.

"I think it was an added benefit that I met Mr. Right on the first day of school," Ace shared.

Their first date was a movie that was shown in Dodd auditorium for \$1 (similar to Cheap Seats now), the animated movie *The Aristocats*.

The two also enjoyed going to Sammy T's, or the occasional special evening at the Kenmore Inn.

"I think Fredericksburg has changed tremendously since we've been there," Liam shares.

The pair moved to northern Virginia together after graduation. One night, Liam played the movie they watched on their first date in Dodd auditorium and proposed. The ring had five diamonds, one for each year they dated.

Liam and Ace had a small wedding in Virginia Beach, and now live in Old Town Alexandria.

Obviously, married life changed the relationship a bit.

"The biggest change is since we've had children," Liam shared. "They fundamentally change your life and now we know why."

Some UMW couples found a less traditional way to meet one another.

"I trapped Steph on a treadmill so that she would talk to me," Ben con-

fessed.

Their Mary Washington romance is not quite as traditional as the others, Ben shares.

"We knew of each other at school. But we didn't officially meet until after we had graduated."

On their first date they went up to Manassas to see a hand play. While remembering the night, Ben turned to Stephanie and asked:

"Did we grab dinner before?"

"No," Stephanie replied. "You weren't that classy."

"A friend was hitting on Steph the whole night," Ben remembered. "He didn't know we were on a date."

Stephanie was in her fifth-year at Mary Washington, completing her master's in elementary education when the pair started dating.

"My girlfriends would joke around after I got an F in biology that I was really here to get my MRS," Stephanie joked. "I knew I wanted a husband out of Mary Washington."

Ben popped the question to Stephanie at her class room while she was student teaching in February.

"He organized a whole thing with my coordinating teacher and my second grade class," Stephanie remembered. "He got three of my favorite boys to go out in the hall. The boys came in with the ring box and said 'We found this in the hallway.'"

After that, Stephanie froze.

The couple had one unforeseen problem in wedding planning.

Stephanie's mother had some specific requests. "We had to spend two-hundred dollars to get personalized water bottle labels that said 'Ben and Stephanie's Wedding,'" Ben recalled.

The pair married in Summer 2008, at the UMW Alumni Center, and live in Fredericksburg.

But happy couples at UMW are not simply stories from the past. On Oct. 24 at the homecoming dance, Gray Haliburton got down on one knee in front of the entire crowd and asked girlfriend Ananda Heathcock to be his wife. The two are likely to become the newest members of a very special group of couples who met and married their Mary Washington sweethearts.

News

Off-Campus EagleOne Vendors Increase

By JONATHAN WIGGINGTON
Staff Writer

Instead of using their leftover EagleOne money on textbooks, students at Mary Washington may now use it at restaurants around Fredericksburg.

Introduced last fall, this is a new phenomenon at UMW, something that current students relish whenever they get that rich for fast food.

"I think it's great to have the ability to use EagleOne off campus, especially when you are just plain tired of Seaco," said junior Jeremy Wood.

Currently, there are 13 off campus locations around Fredericksburg that accept EagleOne, more than twice the number offered last year. The favorite locations include: Chick-fil-A, Noodles & Company, IHOP, and Allman's Bar-B-Que.

According to EagleOne Off Campus Merchant Manager Jessica Thompson, the off-campus dining industry is a big business. At the beginning of the 2007 fiscal year, there were only five merchant locations, which led to \$17,935.53 in total sales. This fiscal year, with 13 locations, there were already \$32,432.68 in total sales by the end of October, for a grand total \$50,368.21 since the program began.

Based on the 4,376 total transactions since 2007, students on average are spending \$11 per swipe.

According to the UMW website, there are many benefits of being able to use EagleOne off campus, including the fact that it is easier and safer than cash.

Thompson added, "There are also merchants who offer something special just for our students," and deals are highlighted on the website.

Although merchants must buy the EagleOne card reader and have an active phone line, there is no start-up fee, and UMW provides marketing, advertising, accounting and IT support.

A popular restaurant that was onboard at the beginning of fall 2007 was the McDonald's on Route 1, by the UMW heating plant. Unfortunately, students often had to pay out of pocket because the EagleOne reader kept breaking down.

Thompson said that besides McDonald's, there

have been no other problems with any other merchants.

However, Hope Jewell, the manager of Pizza Hut on Powhatan Street said that she too has had issues with the EagleOne card reader, saying, "It doesn't always work." Jewell added that students have sometimes ordered pizza using their EagleOne when the card had insufficient funds.

Putting that aside, Jewell said that she liked the program and the fact that students can put tips on their bill directly from their EagleOne card.

Other area merchants echoed Jewell's approval of the system.

"We definitely are a fan of the EagleOne program, and may see it expanding to other area stores," said manager Rachel Fleming of the Chick-fil-A in Central Park. Fleming added that they just hosted a fundraising event for a UMW interest group the last week.

Many businesses have heard about EagleOne from students, and have contacted UMW to try and become a partner.

Thompson urged students to keep it up.

"Please continue to let restaurants and businesses that you frequent, know this opportunity is available to them and the program will continue to grow each semester."

Another area manager is very happy to be a part of the EagleOne community and says he loves

having students at his restaurant.

"It's advantageous for both us and the students," said IHOP manager Rudy Garcia. "It's easy access for students, and its revenue for us."

While Christopher Newport University has eight off campus partners, Longwood University does not have any. Longwood is however advertising that Chick-fil-A is "Coming Soon."

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Police Too Busy for Beat

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the information.

"Then he just stopped responding,"

Toney said. "I sent multiple e-mails a week and he said he would provide the information but didn't."

Part of the time Snipes was unreachable, he was away helping with the aftermath of Hurricane Ike, but remained unavailable upon his return. According to Snipes, the face-to-face meetings were immensely time-consuming and were in need of being re-worked. "I had found that, given the 2-hour average each week that doing the Police Beat in person took, I could do it differently to better manage my time," Snipes said in an email.

Nowrouz said that part of the frustration regarding the lack of a Police Beat is the lack of transparency on the part of the police. Because the *Bullet* can't get Police Beat, Nowrouz said the *Bullet* is having a hard time keeping up with the pulse of campus. "Compared to the relation-

ship we've had before, we're getting next to nothing," Nowrouz said.

According to Snipes, e-mailing specific questions from the crime log took

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—Chief Snipes

about one quarter of the previous time requirement. "The e-mail response was actually the method used by my predecessor and worked well," Snipes said.

Executive Vice President Rick Hurley said in an e-mail that he agreed that the e-mail method, suggested by both Snipes and Assistant Vice President for Public Safety and Community Service Susan Knick. "I agree with their assessment about the good use of their time and support the procedure they outlined for the *Bullet* to follow, i.e. *Bullet* reporter reviews Crime Log and e-mails questions about any item of interest," Hurley said.

Toney, however, claims that the information from the e-mail requests was still incomplete. The only way to get full detailed information for the Police Beat is from Chief Snipes, which left Toney with nothing. Snipes says he would like to start doing face-to-face interactions again, but simply has not had time.

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Renters Unsure of Housing Future

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illicit activities," Johnson said.

As such, Johnson said that normally the person or entity that takes the property from the landlord, whether through purchase or through government seizure of property, must uphold the rights of the existing tenants that live on the properties.

Since most tenants usually do not record their lease, they must rely on the fact that they are currently living on the property to give notice of their right to legal possession and proving that they have the right to live there.

This means that students living in the houses could prove they already have the right to live there, even if

they don't have a recorded lease. They don't have to worry about losing their right to live in the houses.

Nelson, along with other tenants of Lee's houses, still isn't so sure that something won't go wrong with his housing situation as a result of Lee's arrest.

"In the back of our minds, we're wondering if we're going to come home one day to a message telling us to pack up our stuff and leave," Nelson said. "We're trying to be low-key, nice-guy tenants, but [Lee] bricked when he was thinking about what this could do to me, our neighbor, and anyone else paying rent to him."

Student Convicted for Fight Last Year

By AARON RICHARDSON
Entertainment Editor

What started as a brawl between partygoers on Hunter Street last November resulted in the conviction of one of the fraternity members for malicious wounding.

Sophomore John Russo, a member of Psi-Upsilon, entered a guilty plea for misdemeanor malicious wounding June 11. Russo, who was involved in a fight that took place in November of last year, received a 12-month suspended sentence.

In addition, he was ordered to pay \$2,182.40 to the victim, fellow sophomore Evan Weiss. According to court documents, the payments were to be in \$100.00 installments starting no later than Aug. 1. Weiss had no comment.

According to an article in the Feb. 21 issue of the *Bullet*, Weiss received a broken jaw and lost six teeth in the altercation. The fight happened Nov. 17, 2007 outside a Psi Upsilon frat party on Hunter Street.

At his arraignment in March, Russo had pled not guilty, but changed his plea at trial. Because Russo changed his plea from not

guilty to guilty, his charge was reduced from a Class 3 felony to a misdemeanor. Russo, who is still enrolled at UMW, declined to comment.

With charges reduced to a misdemeanor, Russo avoided a maximum sentence of 20 years behind bars and a \$100,000 fine. According to the Feb. 21 *Bullet*, Russo's \$1,000 bail was raised by friends and fellow fraternity members.

Members of Psi-Upsilon alleged at the time that members of the lacrosse team ignited the brawl with racial slurs aimed at Russo's then roommate. The fight escalated when members fraternity members came to his defense.

At the time of the incident, Russo's then roommate Samson Belay said "People get in fights all the time, but being called the racial slur was the worst. I had a hole in my lip, my face was swollen. That all heals, but words don't heal."

According to lacrosse team members interviewed at the time of the assault, Weiss was beaten after he was rendered unconscious. According to the *Bullet* article, Weiss needed thousands of dollars' of reconstructive surgery after the attack.

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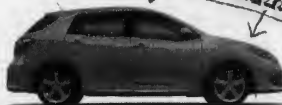
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Sports



Rookies Continue To Shine in 2008

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ting in second place in the Natinal Football Conference south division

The last time a rookie quarterback started week one since Kyle Boller for the Baltimore Ravens. With the way he turned out it's not surprising that teams waited five years before doing it again.

You would think that the Ravens had learned their lesson. But after Boller went down with a season-ending injury, and Troy Smith lost 20 pounds due to a tonsil infection, the Ravens were forced to throw rookie Joe Flacco, the 18th overall pick of the draft, into the fire. And would you believe that after a 2-3 start, Flacco has led the Ravens on a four-game win streak.

Theses guys are probably the main candidates for Offensive Rookie of the Year with close followers in Chris Johnson, Desean Jackson and Matt Forte.

My candidate for Defensive Rookie of the

Year you probably have not even heard of if you don't follow football closely. In the latest draft, this player was passed over 248 times and almost went undrafted.

Chris Horton, a safety for the Washington Redskins, has played tremendous when he has had the opportunity. He has over 40 tackles, three interceptions and a sack. So far this year, he has the highest value of any defensive player in the league, especially for where he was drafted.

Joseph Addai would like to apologize to all of those who thought that 2009 was the year that he would show people he was an elite back.

Through nine games Addai has only carried the ball for 282 yards. And granted he didn't play two of the games, but for a player of his caliber, averaging forty yards a game is unacceptable.

Keep reading this year for picks, standings and Super Bowl predictions.

MVP: Kurt Warner, QB

Off. ROY: Matt Ryan, QB

Def ROY: Chris Horton, S

Eagles Eye NCAA Tournament Return

By JOEY MERKEL
Sports Editor

The powerhouse that is the University of Mary Washington women's basketball team will open its season when they face off against Washington and Lee on Tuesday, Nov 18.

Coming in to the season, the Eagles are ranked no. 21 in the *USA TODAY* ESPN/Women's Basketball Coaches' Association's Preseason Poll.

After reaching the semifinals of the NCAA Tournament last year, the Eagles will look to return to the national stage once again.

With a large crop of freshmen recruits, time will only tell if the inexperience will hurt the Eagles' chances of equaling the success of the 2007-08 season.

The Eagles graduated four of last year's starting five including standout center Liz Hickey, who

led the team in points, rebounds and blocks per game.

The University will be retiring Hickey's #44 jersey, this Tuesday at the game. Hickey will be the first player to ever have a jersey retired by the school.

The only returning starter from last year's team is Ashton Mitchell. The senior forward was second behind Hickey in points, rebounds, blocks and led the team in free-throw percentage.

Mitchell is no the only valuable asset to the Eagles' puzzle returning to the team in 2008.

Head coach Deena Applebury has been a critical part of the success that has engulfed the women's team.

This year, Applebury will look to win her fourth straight Capital Athletic Conference Coach of the Year award.



Head coach
Deena Applebury



Courtesy Clint Offen

Athletes of the Week

Junior Anne Lutkenhaus (left) and senior Kelly Hueber were named to the All-CAC Volleyball team.

Freshman Katie Shiflett was named the CAC Volleyball Rookie of the Year.



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Team of the Week

The men's and women's swim teams swept York College of Pa. this past Saturday at Goolrick Gymnasium.

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Sports

"I was a freshman myself"

One In The Bank For First-Year Soccer Coach

By JOEY MERKEL
Sports Editor

After a season that ended 8-6-5 with a first round ousting in the Capital Athletic Conference

tournament, successful is not a word you may not expect first-year women's soccer Head Coach Corey Hewson to use to describe the season.

"I'd say it was a pretty big success," Hewson said. "First of all we play one of the toughest schedules in the country, if not the toughest schedule in the country."

This past season, the Eagles played 18 different teams. Of those 18, last year eight of them were in the National Tournament. This year five of them will be returning.

To say that the Eagles were close to a breakout season would be an understatement. The team was on the brink of having anywhere between 10 and 13 wins.

"The five ties that we had, we were winning and they came back and tied us up," Hewson said.

"This past season was interesting to say the least," senior Rachel

Gerstein said. "We had so much potential for a great season but with all the changes in the program it seemed it was difficult for the team to perform at the level we were capable of."

After losing to York College of Pa. for the second time this year, in the conference tournament no less, Hewson explained one of the main factors in why York continues

to have the edge over the Eagles. "Consistency," he said. "A lot of

key players change from game to game. Of the 12 freshmen we had, I believe seven or eight of them started and we had some seniors that were injured at the end of the year."

However, he isn't putting the measure of success all on wins and losses. With a less experienced team, the Eagles had their ups and their downs all year.

"We had 12 freshmen on the roster. When we played Messiah, #2 in the country, we started six freshmen."

"How you measure it [success], is it always wins and losses? I don't think so in this case," Hewson said. "I think when this freshman class are seniors I think it will be solely wins and losses."

But the players weren't the only ones involved in the first-year experience.

"I was a freshman myself," the first-year coach said. "With being a freshman, being new to the program, I thought I had everything figured out after being here a number of years as an assistant coach. You make that jump to head coach and now it's a whole new ball of wax."

The first year is always the hard-

est, but based on the season, Gerstein thinks that Hewson will be have a long,

favorable career at Mary Washington.

"Coach Hewson is a young, dynamic coach and should continue to grow into the program in the upcoming years."

Hewson now begins nearly a yearlong process to get his team back on the field. The next 11 months will be used to figure out how to make the year even more of a success.

"This past season was transitional. I don't think we did as

well as we wanted to, but we made progression for next season," sophomore Sarah Tryon said.

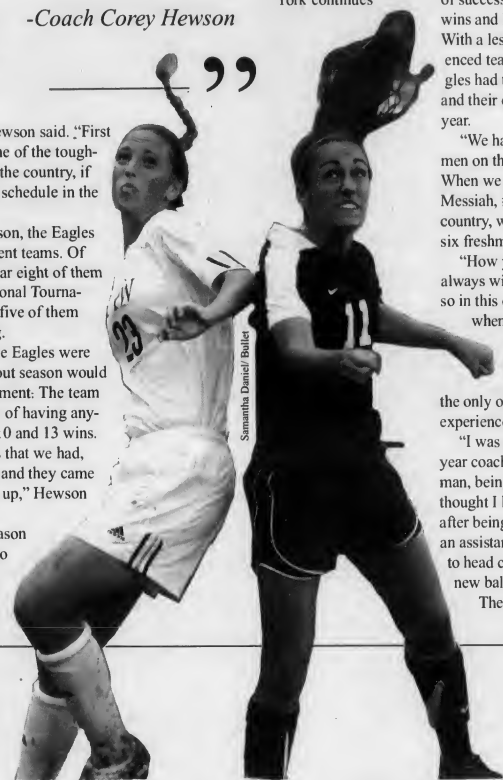
"To be successful, you have to be reflective," Hewson said. "So what I'm doing now is going back, talking to the girls and looking at my own decisions and seeing: 'what could I have done differently?' 'What could I have done better?' 'What would I not change?'"

Hewson knows that he is the coach, but in the end, it will come down to how hard his student-athletes are willing to work.

"It's up to them if they want to be winners and get to that national tournament."



Head Coach Corey Hewson



Samantha Daniels/Bullet

NFL: Gray Makes A Comeback

By JOEY MERKEL
Sports Editor

Congrats to any football team that has a starting quarterback over 35 years old. If you do, you have a winning record and may be on your way to an undefeated season or a most valuable player award.

With a little over half of the regular season games played in the NFL, it's time to take a look at which players are sizzling and which guys are drowning.

This year, the "graybeards" are ruling the year. After being bench before week two, Jeff Garcia is back in the saddle and has helped the Tampa Bay Buccaneers to a 6-3 start. Gus Frerotte took over the 0-2 Vikings and is 5-2 in seven starts this season. However, most of the attribution is going to number 28, Adrian Peterson.

J-E-T-S, Bret, Bret, Bret! New York likes its decision to trade for Bret Favre more and more each week. Though he leads the league with 12 interceptions, every week Favre shows the will and determination to bring his team back or stay on top.

The Tennessee Titans don't seem to have a need for Vince Young anymore. With 35-year-old Kerry Collins at the helm, who needs a player who last year was one of the most explosive and dynamic players in the game. With a solid passing game and a dominant two-back system, the Titans are the only undefeated team left in the league at 9-0.

A third MVP award? At 37? With the way Kurt Warner is playing, he's making a strong bid to win the award for the first time since (year). Warner, who beat out former University of Southern California standout and Heisman trophy award winner Matt Leinart for the starting job, has been playing like the Warner that we got used to seeing during his years in St. Louis when we watched the "Greatest Show on Turf."

But look out oldies, because there are a couple new kids on the block. You think your 6-3 record is impressive? Try doing it with a rookie quarterback. Is it a fluke? Doesn't look like it. Matt Ryan, the third overall pick in the 2008 draft, has led the Atlanta Falcons to a 6-3 start and is currently sit-



Courtesy Mark J. Kahlas

Arizona quarterback Kurt Warner has a very good chance at at third most valuable player award if he can keep up his terrific season.

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